



Autumn Term 1 Year 3 Newsletter



Welcome to a new school year and new class, we have had a fantastic week welcoming the children back to school. Our Year 3 team consists of Miss Eggby as the class teacher, and our support assistants Mrs Mathias, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Chapman. Here are some things we will be covering over the next half term.

English

During our first English unit of Year 3 we will be learning to write a wishing tale. Our model text is called 'The King of the Fishes', we will spend some time learning our model text before moving onto learning our grammar focuses which include powerful adjectives and verbs, fronted adverbials and direct speech using inverted commas. Once we have learnt our grammar and the structure of the story, we will move onto writing our own wishing tale. Our second English unit for this half term will focus on writing a non-chronological report, with a model text called 'dragons'. Again, we will learn our model text with actions before moving onto our grammar focuses which include subheadings, conjunctions and fronted adverbials before finally writing our own report.

Spellings

Spelling lessons happen daily and will include a sound/spelling rule and a grammar focus each week. Spellings will be sent home every Friday to learn throughout the week ready for the weekly spelling test which is every Friday. Here are the focuses for this half term:

Week 1: digraphs and dictionaries

Week 2: ai, ay, a_e and types of words

Week 3: ee, ea, e_e and simple tenses

Week 4: ie, y, igh, i_e and making verbs ending in 'y' into the past tense

Week 5: oa, ow, o_e and past, present and future

Week 6: ue, ew, u_e and syllables

Maths

We start the year by recapping addition of 3 numbers before moving onto numbers to 1000. We will be making the most of all the maths resources we have in the classroom to support us along the way, including ten frames, dienes, place value counters and grids, bead stings, numicon and number lines. The children will always have access to these resources whenever they need them. We will also complete 30 minutes of mental maths every day, which will involve number of the day, times tables, Numbots/TT Rockstars and arithmetic activities. Children are free to use Numbots and TT Rockstars at home, we will remind them of their logins.

Topic

This half term's focus is history and our topic is Ancient Greece. This is a new topic for Year 3 which is exciting for both the children and teachers! We will start by using maps to locate Greece and the cities that were important. We will then be learning about democracy, the Olympics, Greek Gods, Ancient Greeks daily lives, the Peloponnesian war and how influential their lives were. We will also be completing some art and DT around this topic including painting and sculpting Greek vases, using chalk to draw columns and weaving. We do have a school trip booked for this topic and more information will come from the office about this soon.

Science

This half term's science unit is light. This will involve lots of practical experiments with torches. We will also be looking at what objects are light sources, reflective surfaces, sun protection for our eyes and having fun with shadows!

PE

PE takes place every Thursday, children must bring their PE kits into school in a bag to get changed into, we aim to be outside as much as possible so please can children have clothes suitable for all weathers and trainers or daps to wear. PE will be taught by Mr Coggins.

RE

Our Christian Value of the term is “Thankfulness”. We will be looking at this during our class services by reading thankfulness stories from the bible and making our own thankfulness prayers. We will also be linking our Christian Value to our harvest festival. Our RE topic will focus on creation/fall. Within this, our key question is, “What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?”

PSHE

PSHE will be every Friday afternoon, this half terms focus is all about ‘being me’.

Thursdays

Thursdays are now known as our curriculum day. Here is what the day looks like:

Music Service
P.E.
Break
French
Forest School
Lunch
Music
Spelling/Reading
Home

French will be taught by Mr Sage and music will be taught by Mrs Johnson. We will be doing forest school in all weathers so children will need wellies, waterproofs, jumpers and trousers that they don’t mind getting wet or dirty.

Homework and Reading

Homework will be sent home every Friday. This half term there will be a homework project based on Ancient Greeks that will include a choice of activities for children to do each week, we will then have a presentation of all of our projects at the end of the term. This will be sent out on Friday 15th September. There will also be a maths booklet with short times table activities and spellings to practise.

Home readers are sent out every Monday alongside a reading for pleasure book, please can these be returned each Monday to be changed and also kept in their bags throughout the week so we can use them for individual readers.

Show and Tell

A separate show and tell rota for the term will be set up and put onto class dojo in the next week with a theme.

Our door is always open, if you have any questions please either dojo message or find us at the beginning or end of the day. We are excited for a brilliant year ahead!

Year 3 Team