



Year 3 Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Year 3 Parents

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and welcome to a new term of Year 3! Here are some things we will be covering in class this half term.

English

In English this half term we will start by writing a cumulative tale, this is a story that repeats lines to build up the story, an example of a cumulative tale is the three little pigs. We will be using the model text 'Nail Soup' to support our writing and will be focusing on character description, speech punctuation and varying our sentence styles. We then move onto writing an explanation where we use the text "How a Magic Paintbrush Works". We will be looking at the different grammatical features of our model text to help us innovate and invent our own.

Our daily phonics this term focuses on:

	Spelling Focus	Grammar Focus
Week 1	'le'	Paragraphs
Week 2	'qu'	Paragraphs
Week 3	's' for the 'z' sound	Inverted Commas
Week 4	'se' and 'ze'	Inverted Commas
Week 5	Suffix 'less'	Future Continuous Tense

Maths

Here are the units of work we will be covering in maths this half term:

Measurement: Mass and Volume (g, kg, ml, l)

Right Angles (including quadrilaterals, vertices and identifying a range of polygons with right angles)

Addition (securing mental calculation before moving onto column addition)

Geography

In Geography we are starting a new topic about 'Why London is our Capital City'. We will be learning about London's accessibility including the transport system, what a capital city is, significant buildings in London and geographical features that have supported London's growth.

Science

This half term's science topic is rocks and fossils. We learn about the different types of rocks (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic) and how they are formed, how to group different rocks (we complete an experiment testing the durability, density and permeability of different rocks!), how fossils are formed, how soil is formed and finally we will be learning about the palaeontologist Mary Anning.

RE

Our Christian value this half term is respect. Our school/class services are centred around this value. We will be reading stories about respect from "The Lion Storyteller Bible" and looking at how we can show respect every day in and out of school. For RE, our focus is Judaism, we look at different stories from the bible to learn about the covenant between Jewish people and God, the 10 commandments and the Jewish festival 'Passover'.

PSHE

This term's focus in PSHE is 'dreams and goals'. We look at celebrating and sharing our dreams and goals both short

term and long term, challenges that may arise when we are trying to reach goals and how we overcome these challenges. All PSHE work is completed in jigsaw journals.

PE

PE will take place every Thursday this half term with Mr Coggins and will be outside as much as possible, children need their correct PE kit along with coats and layers to keep them warm. In addition to this, Year 3 will be attending swimming lessons at Kings leisure centre every Wednesday afternoon from 17th January – 27th March.

Homework and Reading

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday, there is no homework project this half term so homework will consist of spellings and a page from the times table booklets we are sending home. Please could these be returned the following Thursday to allow time for marking. We continue to change our home readers and reading for pleasure every Monday.

We are excited for lots of new learning and opportunities this half term, any questions please don't hesitate to contact via dojo, school office or at the end of the day.

Thank you

Year 3 Team