

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you have all had a lovely break over the summer holidays. Please find below an overview of the topics that we will be learning about over the coming weeks and some important notices for this term. We have got lots of exciting things planned and some great topics to get stuck into!

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the office via phone/email, or write a note in your child's reading record. Best wishes, Miss Winfield

Our Learning in Year 3 – Autumn 1

English

We are basing our English work around 'Orion and the Dark' and will focus on writing adventure stories. Then, we will non-fiction texts, including writing reports.

SPAG / Handwriting

In Year 3 we will all be working towards joining our handwriting and maintaining regular size and spacing!

Maths

We will start by learning about number and place value, then we will apply our knowledge of number composition to focus on addition and subtraction.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating Light and Dark. This will link to our English work on Orion and the Dark, where will we learn about how shadows are formed and how far we can throw our shadows.

Topic

Our first History topic will be exploring Railways and the changes in locomotives over time. Then, our Geography topic will be all about countries and cities around the world.

Art

Our Art work will be focused on still life drawings and learning how to use pencil to shade and create texture.

DT

Using our Science knowledge of Light and Dark, we will design and create our own shadow puppets.

Spanish

We will be revising Spanish greetings, pronunciation and learning how to present ourselves.

PSHE

Our topic for this half-term is 'Being Me In My World'.

Computing

In Computing, we will be learning all about connecting computers and how different digital devices can form a network.

RE

In RE, we will focus on the question: What do Christians learn from the Creation story?

Curriculum Notices

Music

This year, the children will be learning the trumpet with our external music teacher, Mr Novell. These music lessons will take place on a **Monday afternoon**. Your child will be allowed to bring their instrument home to practise, and this will need to be brought back into school every Monday for the lesson. Further information about instrument loan and upcoming concerts will be sent via Mrs GB.

Forest School

On **alternate Fridays**, the children will be having Forest School sessions with Kirsty and Ruth. These will take place on the following dates this half-term: 13th Sep, 4th Oct, 18th Oct. Children will need a full change of appropriate clothes, including boots/wellies, long trousers and a long-sleeve top or jumper.

PE

The children will be having outdoor PE lessons on **Wednesdays**. Please can children have a full kit to change into, including weather-appropriate outdoor clothing and trainers. Long hair should be tied back, and all earrings and jewellery must be removed.

Other Information

Snacks

In KS2, snack is no longer provided at playtime. If you wish to provide your child with a snack, please make sure this is healthy – i.e. no chocolate bars or crisps. Please remember we are a **nut free** school too!

Homework

On **Fridays**, I will set a SPAG homework task and a Maths homework task. These will need to be completed in the children's green homework books that they will take home and return to school on the following **Tuesday**. The children will have instructions for completing their homework in their green books. This term we will be working on improving fluency with place value, and accuracy with spellings, to support the children's learning in school.

Reading Books

The children will have the opportunity to read daily at school, either independently or with an adult. In Year 3, the children will either be reading school books with coloured bands, or some children may progress to 'free-readers', where they can select their own book to read (from school or home). In KS2, we are promoting independence and organisation, and will expect the children to take home and return reading books and reading records to school **every day**. Reading at home is still hugely important in Year 3 and we always appreciate your support with this at home.