

Year 3 2022-23 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to the juniors! The class teacher in Year 3 is Mrs Holt, and the Teaching Assistant is Mrs Howorth. If you would like to speak to any member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Maths

This term we will continue following the mastery approach to teaching and learning mathematics. This ensures the children have a secure understanding of the methods and processes involved and can apply their knowledge.

We will cover:

- Multiplication tables (2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)
- Multiplication of teen numbers
- Division of larger numbers
- Time
- 3D Shape
- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction methods
- Fractions
- Volume and Capacity
- Mass

P.E:

In PE we will begin the term with a dance unit based on our creative curriculum topic, led by staff from RDDC through Rossendale Leisure Trust. After the half term break we will be working on fundamental skills such as running and jumping, throwing and catching, and applying these skills in games.

Topic / Creative Curriculum

Our Topic for this term is Stone Age Britain. We will be enjoying lots of hands on, creative learning such as preparing and cooking food, building and crafting structures and creating our own paintings with natural and textures paints. After half term we will be basing our learning on Ancient Greece, a new topic for Year 3 this year which will include clay modelling, mosaic making and studying the history from this period. Children in Years 3-6 also learn Spanish in class.

English

At the beginning of the term we will be focusing on narrative, based on 'Stig of the Dump'. The children will develop a rich and varied vocabulary for describing characters and settings and write their own story about a caveman. We will move on to focus on discussion texts, learning about the use of paragraphs and new conjunctions. Finally, we will be studying and writing our own shape poetry, helping us to understand different word classes.

After Half Term we will be moving on to study Aesop's fables before moving on to create our own. We will also complete a unit on diaries, practising a different style of writing and using complex sentences. Children also read regularly in school and have Guided Reading, Spelling and Grammar session several times per week. Spelling tests are on a Friday morning.

R.E

At the beginning of this half term, we will be focusing on "Jesus, the man who changed lives", looking at how Jesus has affected people's lives, from Bible stories, to saints and to modern day Christians who feel called by God.

After the half term break, we will begin to study the Easter story, focussing on how it is a time of sadness, but also joy for Christians.

P.S.H.E

In PSHE we will have opportunities for circle time and reflection as well as covering topics such as keeping safe online and whilst playing and safety in the home. Our next unit of work is about being our best self, eating well and taking care of our body and recognising our talents and abilities.

Science

This half term we will be studying rocks and soils, looking at how rocks are formed and the different types. We will look at different types of soils and how they are made, as well as what they are useful for. We will learn about fossils and how they are formed.

After the half term we will begin our unit on animals, including humans, looking at the human skeleton and how joints help us to move. This includes work on muscles, naming bones, and understanding how different types of joints move.

Computing

This half term we will be learning to use MS PowerPoint to create a presentation. Children will enter and format text and add images, sounds and video to their presentation. We will learn to touch type, using games that are also set as homework to help the children practise their skills and speed up their typing. Children will also use the computers to access digital maps.

Ideas to help your child at home:

- Read at home with your child as often as possible, Oxford Owl is a website that can be accessed for free on a range of devices and has ebooks that the children will be familiar with, at a range of levels.
- It is important that children are able to recall their times tables. Initially we will focus on 2, 5 and 10 and their related division facts, before moving on to 3, 4 and 8.

Things to remember:

- Homework will be set on Purple Mash each Monday, to be handed in by Friday, children can also ask for "hard copies".
- P.E. kits in school for P.E. at all times, taught on a Friday. .
- Correct uniform to be worn all the time, including school shoes, please notify us of any issues.
- Refresh yourself on the schools' behaviour policy, get a copy from the school office or school website.
- Check the School Facebook and Class 3 page on the website for photos, news and up to date learning which has taken place.
- Feel free to make an appointment to see me through the office to discuss any concerns you may have.