

Burwell Village College Primary School



Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn 2018

Miss Eatock, Miss Taylor, Mrs Harradine and Mrs Parrett

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the holiday and your children are looking forward to the rewarding but challenging year ahead. Throughout the year we will have many cross-curricular opportunities for the children to enjoy through our topic 'What Lies Beneath'.

The transition from KS1 to KS2 involves the children becoming more independent. Children are encouraged to remember to complete their homework and spellings, take letters home, change reading books, and have the appropriate PE kit.

Teaching Staff: Mrs Rebecca Parrett, Mrs Zoe Harradine (3A), Miss Louise Eatock (3B) and Miss Hannah Taylor (3C)

Mrs Gemma Shrubbs (R.E – Religious Education and PSHE- Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum) and Mrs Pat Woolf P.E. will teach every Friday afternoon for the Autumn term. Mrs Victoria Jones will continue to teach French.

Teaching Assistants: Working with the year group will be Mrs Clarkin, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Pavey, Miss Harding, Mrs Doyle, and Mrs Read.

This term:

Literacy

For the first half of the autumn term, the children will have discreet grammar lessons which will revise and improve sentence structure and word classification. This builds upon the skills that they were taught in Y2. The lessons will include the Y3 grammar objectives such as starting sentences with a fronted adverbial. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will focus on embedding the grammar into writing. We will be reading texts linked to our topic. We are going to begin with Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura which will inspire the children to write a narrative.

Maths

We will be working on counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s; number bonds to 10, 20 and 100; place value; partitioning; and mental addition and subtraction methods. Pupils will be taught reasoning skills to deepen their understanding of number and the links within topics. We will be reintroducing the children to Ninja Maths which is daily arithmetic practise. We will be following the White Rose scheme which reinforces fluency and reasoning skills. www.whiterosemaths.com

Science

Rocks – The children will compare and group rocks on the basis of their properties, learning to name some common rock types. They will also investigate what soil is made from, and conduct a fair test to compare how different types of soil drain.

Animals, including Humans – The children will be learning about human and animal nutrition, finding out about the human digestive system through role play. They will also learn about different types of skeletons and their functions.

Topic

What Lies Beneath – The children will be delving into the past to discover what life was like in Britain starting with the Stone Age. Through exploration and enquiry, they will piece together information to form a picture of what prehistoric life was like. We will also use this time to explore the Geography of Great Britain.

ICT

Programming – The children will use Scratch to develop their programming skills.

Using the Internet – The children will learn how to use search engines effectively and safely to research topic information.

Using Technology – Children will learn how to save, rename and delete files. Selecting fonts and designs for effect.

PSHE

We're All Stars – The children will be sharing each other's gifts and talents, exploring feelings, and learning about working co-operatively.

Be Friendly, Be Wise – Through circle time, the children will be able to explore and discuss E-safety, anti-bullying and the importance of friendship.

RE

Christianity – Pupils will explore people's beliefs about how the world was created. They will look at different styles and types of churches.

Christian Worship – Children will look at churches and learn about how and why churches differ.

Music

Exploring Rhythm – The children will be learning about rhythm and notation, with a focus on creating and writing their own simple rhythms.

PE

Ball Handling Skills – The children will be focusing on improving the accuracy and consistency of their ball handling. They will then have the opportunity to apply their skills into a range of different team games.

Orienteering – This unit will introduce the children to basic map-reading and compass skills. They will practise and perform different trails and orienteering activities around the school environment.

Gymnastics – The children will practise and refine a range of travelling actions. They will then create and perform sequences using different pathways and levels.

Swimming – A letter has come home to you about swimming which starts for Y3 on **21.9.18**

Art / Design Technology

Stone Age Painting – We will look at early cave paintings and how they were used to portray aspects of life. The children will then create some of their own designs, focusing on proportion and shape.

In DT, the children will be using their knowledge of stone age to look at structures and how the buildings were made and try to recreate some.

Homework

General – Homework will be given out on a Tuesday and should be handed in on a Monday. Pupils will receive a mixture of activities. It could involve a sheet with differentiated maths questions plus a small English activity, a reading comprehension, MyMaths activities or Spellodrome/spellingshed. Each week we will explain the homework task to the children. www.spellodrome.com <http://play.spellingshed.com>

Spellings - This will allow teachers to plug any gaps with phonics, whilst moving those pupils who are ready onto the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings. Each **FRIDAY** the children will bring home a list of spellings based on the spelling pattern(s) we are teaching. They will be tested on these the following **Friday**. Please ensure your child practises these spelling words at home and continues to bring in their spelling book.

Reading – We have Guided Reading lessons four times a week. During this half term we will group the children to enable us to target their reading comprehension gaps. It is important that the children continue to read aloud regularly at home. The children will have a reading record book to record the books that they are reading at home. The children are expected to bring in their reading records every day for the staff to monitor their reading progress. If you would like to support your child's decoding and reading comprehension skills there are many eBooks on www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Maths skills – To help support your child in numeracy, it would be useful to regularly practise: counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s; number bonds to 10, 20 and 100; and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. The following websites may also be useful: www.mathszone.co.uk; <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths>.

The school has subscribed to MyMaths (www.mymaths.co.uk). This is an excellent resource for your child to practise and consolidate his/her learning at home. There are lessons and activities covering all areas of the maths curriculum, which can be accessed by children at any time. The children have their own MyMaths logins. They will need this to access their homework. If your child's log-in has been forgotten, please inform the class teacher so she can provide a replacement.

Class Dojo

All Y3 classes are up and running with class dojo. We can see that nearly all of our Y3 parents are connected. We try and update the class story at least once a week. In the past it has proved successful to put a photo of the homework sheet and the spellings. We will continue to do this as well as show what the children are doing in school. We know that it is an extremely useful tool to share quick messages. Please ensure that you continue to inform the office with urgent messages as we are not always near a device that has ClassDojo on. If you still need a login to sign onto ClassDojo then let your child's teacher aware and they can send an individual code home.

Important dates:

- 3A class assembly - Friday 21st June 2019 – 9.10am
- 3B class assembly – Friday 24th May 2019 – 9.10am
- 3C class assembly – Friday 18th January 2019 – 9.10am
- Year 3 Carol Concert – December (date and time to follow) St Mary's Church Burwell.
- Parent consultations – Tues 6th Nov and Thurs 8th Nov

We will need volunteers to accompany us on our visits and to help us in school. If you are interested, please let the class teacher know. Please note that you will need to have been DBS/CRB checked by the school.

Term dates:

- Half term: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018
- Last day of term: Tuesday 19th December 2018
- Training day 3rd January 2019. School re-opens for pupils Thursday 4th January 2019

Indoor P.E. – Monday**Outdoor P.E. – Friday**

Kit: blue or black shorts; plain white or navy blue t-shirt; trainers. Children may also wish to bring a warm top and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor P.E.

Water bottles are encouraged at school but need to be taken home and washed regularly.

There are links from the school website www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk which enable parents to pay for school meals and school trips via Worldpay.

Contacting members of staff:

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff by phoning the school office or speaking to the TA on the door.