



Year 3
Newsletter
Spring Term
2019

Dear Parents and Children

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break, and that the children are ready to start a new term with renewed enthusiasm!

This leaflet gives a brief overview of the topics and activities taking place during this term.

English

This term we will be writing adventure stories and studying dialogue and plays. We will be looking at how direct speech and indirect speech can be written down. We will read and write play scripts, giving all the children a chance to show off their acting skills! In our non-fiction unit we will be covering information texts which will be linked to our geography topic. In addition, spelling, grammar and handwriting will be taught each week.

Maths

This term we will be applying and consolidating the children's knowledge from the first term. This includes place value and carrying out addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. In our measurement units we will be measuring length, mass, capacity and time. In geometry we will study the properties of 2-and 3-D shapes. In statistics we will draw and interpret charts and pictograms. Our particular areas of focus are on fluency of number bond calculations and ability to apply previous knowledge to solve problems. Rapid recall of times tables is essential in your child's mathematical development so remember to keep them practising!

Science

We will be learning about the main human body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles and finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.

Later on in the term we will be learning about the different parts of flowering plants. We will explore the requirements of life and growth and we will also look at the life cycle of flowering plants.

Our principal aim is that the children will broaden their scientific view of the world around them and develop their scientific vocabulary.

History and Geography

We will be learning about weather around the world as well as recording our own weather. Later in the term we will carry out a local focused enquiry on the use of technology. The children will have the opportunity to develop their map reading skills and to produce their own maps and plans. This will also be carried out digitally, linking with our computing topics.

Computing

Linking to maths and topic work, we will use software to collect and present data and information.

We will develop our Programming skills by using logical reasoning and problem solving to explain how simple algorithms work.

Art

We will be learning about great artists and will focus on the works of Hokusai and Monet.

PE

PE will include gymnastics, dance and games. Outdoor PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays while indoor PE will be on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child's PE kit includes shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers and appropriate clothing for outdoor use.

Music

We will study basic music theory so the children can use and understand musical notations. The class will also have weekly ukulele lessons with Mrs Andrews.

RE, PSHE and French

Mrs Sawcer will cover the class on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. In RE we will be studying Saints and the Christian Creation Story. In PSHE we will be studying *Family and Friends*, and how to maintain good relationships. Also the children will be having conversational French lessons.

Homework

Ideally your child should read every day. If your child's reading record is signed by an adult at least 3 times a week, your child will receive a merit.

Times tables and spellings are sent home on Fridays and are tested the following Thursday.

A menu for this term's research homework will be sent home before half-term.

We look forward to another enjoyable and successful term in Year 3. If you have any questions, concerns or queries please drop in and see us before or after school.

Elizabeth Nally