

# Year 3 Newsletter

**We are now well into the swing of the Autumn term, and the children have made a great start, enjoying the 'excitement' of the beginning of the year! Here are a few reminders and some useful information for the weeks ahead.**

Topic The children have begun a topic called 'From one extreme to the other', which is a Geography topic focusing on the Polar and Tropical regions, or biomes as they are often called nowadays. and it should be interesting as well as very informative. After half term, our topic will be The Stone Age (Meet the Flintstones) and we hope to visit the Ironstone Museum to access their resources and expertise. Our DT work is based around healthy food and climate linked to crops produced and Art work will focus on painting skills linked to this topic.



RE We have started our topic on Homes and have been discussing what makes a house a home. Other RE topics this term are Promises and Visitors - an Advent based topic.

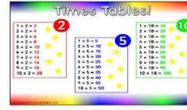


English We spent the first couple of weeks discussing mindsets and what makes a good learner and we are now in the nitty gritty of our English work. We have begun our daily spelling lesson and are currently learning about non-chronological reports and how to write a good one. English lessons are often linked to our topic work, so the children will soon be writing a report about the polar or tropical regions.

The class are trying hard to develop their cursive writing. Of course, reading is always a priority and I am delighted that children are reading so frequently. Children who read every night will receive 2 House Points each Friday. I will be discussing what children are reading regularly with individual children each week. As well as writing comments in the Reading Record about their school reading book, parents may also write comments about any other books, magazines etc that children are reading at home. I think my youngest daughter mainly learnt to read via the Argos catalogue!



Maths The children have been focusing on place value so far and we will concentrate on the 4 operations for the majority of the term (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). I would particularly encourage the children to learn their tables (2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 ) really well including related division facts eg  $4 \times 3 = 12$ ,  $12 \div 3 = 4$ ,  $12 \div 4 = 3$



Science This term our Science topics are 'How does your garden grow ?' which is all about plants, then, after half-term, 'Food and our bodies'.



PE Currently we are concentrating on ball skills, using large and small balls. We will go outside whenever possible, to avoid being in an enclosed area in these uncertain times. PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure children have the correct kit.



Computing Our first area of work this term is around e-safety, leading onto designing and writing simple programs.

Music We had our first music lesson this week and continue to use the Charanga website which the class are familiar with. We will be listening to a range of songs from the Colonel Bogey march to 'Consider yourself' from Oliver. After half-term we will be learning to play the glockenspiel!



Uniform Thank you for sending your child in so smartly. Please try to make sure items of clothing are labelled. Children must have a clear water bottle, which need to be named, these can be purchased from the school office at £1.50. Children must only bring water - not flavoured water or juice.

*If you have any questions or concerns, appointments can be made before or after school. I will share class news and information regularly each week on Marvellous Me. Please let school know if you do not have access to this.*

Best wishes,

Mr Scarlett