



Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome!

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas holiday, and we wish you all a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to another busy, productive and fun term with the children. We have our class assembly coming up at the end of January and the children are excited to share their learning with you.

Learning Journey Topic

Our class topic this term is 'Extreme Earth.' The children will start by thinking about the questions they would like to find answers to and share some of the knowledge they have on this topic. Over the coming weeks the children will learn about different extreme environments and weather conditions and the impact they have on humans. This will include finding out about tornados, earthquakes and volcanoes and looking at places that are extremely hot or cold. The topic will also allow the children to develop their map skills including using atlases and drawing simple maps.

English

The children will have a range of exciting writing opportunities this term. We have started with a narrative unit focusing on the book 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland', the children are working towards developing a new fantastical setting and character inspired by this text. Later in the term we will move onto writing our own environmentally themed speeches, after reading 'Stella and the Seagull', where no one is too small to make a difference. We will also be studying calligrams and writing a brief memoir! The use of 'purple polishing' to check over, edit and improve our work will have a strong focus.

We will continue to have weekly guided reading sessions where the children will work on the key comprehension skills: inference, prediction, retrieval, sequencing and summarising.

Regular handwriting sessions will help the children continue to develop and improve their joined-up handwriting.

Mathematics

Throughout the term the children will be practising their times tables and different mental methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing numbers. We will be investigating the properties of different shapes such as angles and different lines continuing followed by learning how to measure the perimeter of shapes. Later this term the children will be learning how to find different fractions of shapes and amounts and using written methods for multiplication and division.



Other Core Subjects

Science: This term the children will be finding out about rocks, fossils, and soil. They will learn about the different types of rocks and how they can be grouped according to their appearance and properties. They will also learn how fossils and soil are formed. Later in the term they will be learning about forces and magnets including investigating magnets and finding out how things move on different surfaces. Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunity to plan, investigate and draw conclusions from various experiments.

Computing: The children will be learning about emailing before moving onto looking at what happens inside a computer. They will continue their work on internet safety.

Art: Children will be working with different materials to produce abstract 3D sculptures.

D&T: The focus will be on making a simple child's toy with a pneumatic system.

PE: Premier Sports will be focusing on Gymnastics in Spring 1 and invasion games in Spring 2. With the class teacher, the whole term will be focused on orienteering.

MFL: The children will be continuing to learn French, including work linked to musical instruments and fruit and vegetables.

PSHCE: Our topics this term are Health and Wellbeing followed by Citizenship.

RE: The children will continue to learn about different aspects of the Christian and Islamic religions.

Final messages

PE days are on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure all children have a PE kit in school on these days. They should have suitable indoor and outdoor clothes.

Tuesday is Library Day. If children want to change library books, they should be in school on this day.

Homework is posted on Google classroom on a Friday. This will contain next week's **spelling rule or pattern** to explore with your child over the weekend.

Please **read** with your child regularly and fill in the BOOMREADER reading record. **(Including checking books have been marked as complete when finished by the children).**

Please also make sure that your child has an opportunity to practise basic number skills including times tables. TTRockstars 3-4 times a week is an ideal way to develop these basic number skills. Alternatively, there are ideas in the Maths Skills area on Google Classroom.

We hope that this information will help you support your child this term.

Best wishes The Year 3 Team