

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on times tables and the relationship between these. We will also be looking at short multiplication and short division using formal written methods, as part of this unit.

Times tables continue to take priority in Year 3. Our children must be fluid with quick recall of their 3-, 4- and 8-times table by the end of this term. Could you please ask your children to practice either on their own or with you to support our teaching?

Science

Our science topic this half term focuses on forces and magnets. We will be looking at what a force is and the push and pull forces. Then we will be looking at how magnets work and their strength. This will be followed later in the term with plants where we will look at the parts of a plant and lifecycles.

IT

This half term, we will be focusing on programming. We will be learning how to use the software 'Scratch'.

PE

This term we will be going swimming. Children need to remember their swimming costume, towel and shower cap should they require one, every Thursday please.

Citizenship

This half term we are going to be learning all about homelessness. We will begin by exploring why people become homeless and what support is currently out there. We will then delve in deeper and look at homelessness all around the world.

HOMELESSNESS

Music

This term we will be learning how to practice and perform the song Three Little Birds.

Art and DT

In our Art lessons we will be producing artwork in the style of Lucas Joel Macauley, using a variety of different mediums. Our DT topic will be focused on textiles, and the children will be learning how to sew, with links to homelessness throughout.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be immersing ourselves into writing a diary entry. Our stimulus this half term is based on a book called, 'The story of Tutankhamun'. We are going to learn all about archaeologists and focus on an important archeologist called Howard Carter. At the end of our sequence, we will write a diary entry from Howard Carter, telling the reader the events that led to the discovery of Tutankhamun.

Reading

This half term, we are going back to extract work. Each week we will focus on different types of texts, such as diary entries, non-chronological reports and short narratives. We will use these texts to develop different reading skills.

History

This half term we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We will start by learning why they came to England and what their settlement looked like. We will then move onto Vikings and how they invaded and settled in Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.

Geography

This half term we will be learning about rivers across the different continents of the world, including how they are used and why.

Y3 Spring Newsletter



Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break with your family. We look forward to starting a new year with lots of exciting lessons and activities planned.

Swimming

As you will be aware we will be going swimming every Thursday. Swimming starts on Thursday 8th January and will run into Spring 2. Please ensure children remove all jewellery for swimming including earrings and bring costume/trunks/shorts and a towel.

Spelling

We will be continuing to practice our spellings each day. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and dictation will take place on a Friday. Please ask your child to verbally explain that week's spelling rule to you – this will help with retention. Please continue to practice the 100 High Frequency and common exception words at home with your child. Children must be able to read at sight

Important dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 10th February – Parents evening
- Thursday 12th February – Break up for half term
- Friday 13th February – Training Day
- Monday 23rd February – Training Day
- Tuesday 24th February – School reopens