

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. 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. Several lessons are linked to the letters of Saint Paul.

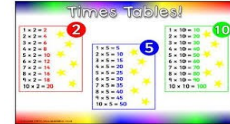


English We spent the first couple of weeks discussing mindsets and what makes a good learner and we are now in the nitty gritty of our English work. We have begun our daily spelling lesson and are currently learning about character profiles and how to write a good one. English lessons are often linked 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 during the week 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 addition and subtraction this half term. I would particularly encourage the children to learn their tables (2, 5, 10, 3 and 4) really well I including related division facts eg $4 \times 3 = 12$, $12 \div 3 = 4$, $12 \div 4 = 3$



Science This half term our Science topic is 'How does your garden grow ?' which is all about plants. We will be looking closely at the different parts of a flower, including taking them to pieces to see exactly what is inside them!



PE This half term Y3 are improving their football skills as well as learning some dance moves! PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure children have the correct kit, which is brought to school each Monday.



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!



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