



Class 3-Spring

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope this year is a healthy and happy one for all our families. The children have come back to school extremely well, they are calm and ready to learn, a big well done to them. This term Year 1 continues to be busy and exciting, and we are encouraging the children to become even more independent. We want to support you in every way we can, so please don't hesitate to pop into class if you have any queries, or to have a look at your child's work. We are looking forward to working with you this term.

Thank you,
Miss Hobson and Mrs. Lacy

English

This term, in English we will cover the following genres: retell of a story, letters and postcards, speech and thought bubbles, simple instructions, poetry and a recount of an event. We will continue to form lower and upper case letters correctly, using entrance and exit strokes, and understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families'. We will be learning to leave spaces between words when writing, to punctuate a sentence using a capital letter, a full stop, a question mark and an exclamation mark. The children will learn to blend and segment words using phonic sounds, as well as learning to spell tricky words. In our reading sessions we will continue to learn to decode, use prosody and answer comprehension questions to show our understanding of the books we read.

Books we are reading: Cowboy Baby, Dear Dinosaur, The Day the Crayons Quit, Baby Brains, A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes and poems, That rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown and Toby and the Great Fire of London.

We would love you to bring your favourite stories from home into school to share as a class.

Maths

The children will continue to form digits from 0 to 9 correctly. We will spend time each week practising to count to 100, forwards and backwards, recognising odd and even numbers, doubles and halves, memorising number bonds to 10 and 20, and counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Please can you support your child in learning all of their number bonds to 10/20 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, a secure knowledge will make maths much easier. The main areas we will cover this term are:

- Place Value (within 20)
- Addition and Subtraction (within 20)
- Place Value (within 50)
- Length and Height
- Weight and Volume

Science

Our Science topic is all about different materials. We will begin by identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. We will look at different materials, and distinguish between objects by the material it is made from. The children will investigate how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. The children will observe closely the wonderful and beautiful changes across the winter and spring seasons, and describe the weather associated with each season.

RE

The focus of this term's R.E work is Special People, Meals and Change. We will learn about how we are part of our parish family, and look at the people who have special roles within our parish. We will learn about how the parish family gathers for the Eucharist (Mass), Jesus' special meal, and what this means. As we move into Lent, the children will have time to reflect on life and change. They will prepare themselves fully for Easter, and come to learn that change is a necessary part of healthy growth. We will continue to gather as a class for daily worship through prayers and music.

PE

In P.E., the children will be developing their knowledge of invasion games including tag rugby. We will be learning new skills to improve our individual and team performance. The children will also continue to develop their core muscles, balance and movement through dance. P.E. lessons are scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays, however these days may change, so please ensure PE Kits (white t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms and black plimsolls) are brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Please can you ensure that your child's name is on all of their uniform and their PE kit, thank you.



Computing

This term in Computing, we are working on our keyboard skills. We will be continuing to work on logging on to a computer and opening a word document. We are also working on presenting and interpreting data about the weather. We will explore different ways of presenting data and think carefully about which method is best to use. Children will also begin to explore code and learn about how this helps a computer to work.

History

In History we will be looking closely at our Royal Family and how they have helped to shape Great Britain. We will be looking at objects from the past and comparing them to objects we use now. We will begin to use timelines to share our knowledge and understanding of past and present.

Geography

We will be improving our knowledge of locations in Geography using globes, atlases and Google Earth. In our topic 'Rule Britannia', we will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK, and surrounding seas.

Art, Music and D&T

This term in Art, the children will create their own aboriginal animals using pointillism, they will design and make a 3D rain stick and decorate it using paint in the style of aboriginal art. In our DT topic we will be designing and making their own Royal Family finger puppets made from felt.

We will continue to use our Charanga programme where we listen and learn new songs together and learn to play the glockenspiel. We will learn about rhythm and pulse. We will end the term by performing our class song to an audience.

Homework

Children in Class 3 are expected to do 30 minutes homework every school night. This consists of:

- Ten minutes reading (ideally with an adult);
- Ten minutes practising spellings of the week (see full list in your child's reading record) using the look, say, cover, write, check method;
- Ten minutes focusing on maths particularly learning KIRFS (see maths section).

Homework books will go home on a Friday and children will be tested on their number facts, and spellings every Thursday. Please refer to your child's homework books for more information and thank you for your continued support.

Important Dates!

- February Half Term – Friday 18th February – Return to school on Monday 28th February
- World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March
- Chris Connaughton the Story Teller – Friday 11th February
- Easter – Friday 8th April – Return to school on Monday 25th April

