



YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2 CLASS NEWSLETTER

We had a great start to Year 3 before the half term holiday. It's unfortunate that we've had to self-isolate over the last couple of weeks but now that we are back in school, we can start looking forward to the half term ahead again. Here's what we are going to be getting up to!

Maths

In Maths we will be learning addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers and we will continue to develop a range of ways to apply the skills we have learned in a range of different contexts. We will also be beginning to learn, use and apply our 3, 4 and 8 times tables when multiplying and dividing a range of numbers.

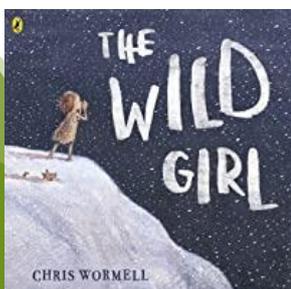
In addition to this, we will complete weekly mental maths challenges. Most of the children are still accessing the Jungle Maths programme. However, some pupils have progressed onto Rainbow Maths.

This half term children will be using Times Table Rockstars regularly to help them develop their rapid recall of multiplication facts. Please help your child to practise their recall of multiplication facts on a regular basis. This is accessible at school and at home.



English

In English we will be reading the book 'The Wild Girl'. We will be using this book to write a range of character and setting descriptions before moving on to developing our own sequel to this fantastic narrative. We will also, nearer to Christmas, be looking at the video clip 'The Greatest Gift' to help us develop our letter writing skills.



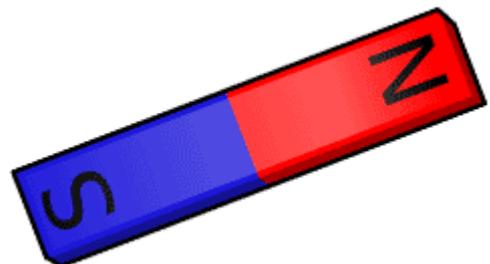
Accelerated Reader

Your child will continue engaging with the Accelerated Reader Programme. They will select texts from the school library and will complete online comprehension quizzes before they change their books. Please ensure that you provide your child with opportunities to read aloud regularly as this will help to develop their reading fluency and use of expression. In addition to this, children will take part in weekly guided reading sessions alongside an adult or independently to complete a comprehension exercise.



Science

In Science we will be studying forces and magnets. This is a very exciting topic which enables the children to carry out numerous investigations. We will be comparing how things move on different surfaces, observing how magnets attract or repel each other and grouping a variety of materials according to whether or not they are magnetic.

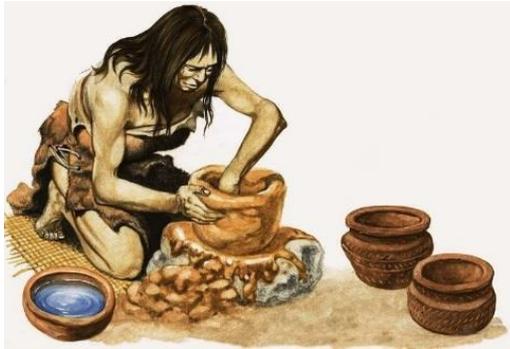


Topic

Now that we have learnt lots about the Stone Age, we will be moving forward into the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will consider the differences between religion, technology and travel during these times.

In our Computing lessons, we will be learning about coding and continuing to develop our knowledge of how to debug and problem solve within this subject.

We will be continuing to learn French in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL).



Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and returned on the following Monday. It will include weekly spellings, regular reading at home and an online Maths activity. This will be set using the MyMaths website - your child has already been given a login and password for these. Children can continue to access TT Rockstars as part of their weekly home tasks also.

Spellings

We will continue to send weekly lists of spellings home for children to practise reading and writing. Most of these spellings will be linked to the Year 3 spellings rules that the children have been introduced to during lessons. The hope is that once children have learnt a rule they will be able to use it in order to help them spell a wider range of unfamiliar words. Other words will include spellings from the statutory curriculum lists. Children will be tested on these on a weekly basis.

P.E.

All Year 3 children will continue to take part in an indoor PE lesson every Thursday afternoon. Children will be expected to remove their own earrings before these sessions. If your child is unable to do this, please ensure that all jewellery is removed before the school day begins.

Last half term, the children really enjoyed learning lots of new skills in gymnastics and we will be continuing with this unit over the next few weeks, before moving onto developing our skills in dance.

Reminders

We encourage children to bring a bottle of water and a healthy snack to school. Please ensure this snack is either a piece of fruit, vegetables or a yoghurt. Snacks can be consumed during break time.

Ways to help at home

- Reading with your child regularly and filling in their reading diary.
- Supporting them with their homework and spellings.
- Encouraging them to practise rapid recall of their 3, 4 and 8 timetables.
- Visiting the library to conduct some research or borrow books about forces and magnets.
- Supporting the Christian Value of Courage.

