

Year 3 Class Letter

Autumn Term 2014-2015

I would like to welcome all children and parents to Year 3, after what I hope has been a restful and enjoyable summer holidays.

This year myself and Miss Byrne-Fraser will form the Year 3 team and are looking forward to aiding your children in furthering their learning throughout the year. You will have an opportunity to meet us, and learn more about the forthcoming year, at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday 9th September at 6.00pm.

A large focus of our work in the first half term is centred through our topic on 'Stone Age to Iron Age' in History. Near the end of the first term, on the 27th November, we will have an open morning where families will be invited in to the Year 3 'Stone Age to Iron Age Museum' to look at the work the children have completed. This will replace the traditional family assembly for this half term.

Your child will be given regular homework to build on the work we have been doing in the classroom. It will usually include some Numeracy, Literacy and another subject each week. I will be issuing homework on a Thursday every week and will be expecting it to be handed in the following Tuesday.

Your child will also continue to be encouraged to read at home and therefore a reading book and reading record will be sent home regularly.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle that can be brought into school that is accessible throughout the school day. P.E will be on a Monday morning and a Thursday afternoon, but I would like the children's PE bag in at all times.

The children will be covering wide range of subjects this term. Please see attached a brief breakdown of what will be covered.

If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment to come in and see myself. I hope you and your child/ children have an enjoyable and successful school year in Year 3.

Thank you for your support.

Mr. T. Rosebury

Literacy

In Literacy lessons children will be develop their reading, writing, drama and speaking and listening skills. The topics we will cover throughout the term include stories with familiar settings, information texts, plays, using a dictionary and shape poems. This term's class reader is 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B White. If your child has a copy at home please send it into school for them to use during class reader sessions.

Numeracy

Topics covered in numeracy will include understanding place value, addition and subtraction, shape and space, measures, money and multiplication. Alongside these topics we will be continue to consolidate key mathematical skills which will allow the children to participate in all areas of maths.

Science

In science lessons we will be learning about rocks and forces such as magnetism. Children will be continually developing their scientific enquiry and investigation skills by carry out a number of experiments throughout the year.

PE

In P.E we will be looking at developing the children's gymnastics skills throughout the term. Also, we will begin to look at some simple 'invasion' games.

Computing

Throughout the term children will explore how images and graphics can be put together to make posters, look at using software to create and edit sounds and begin to understand computer algorithms. The laptops and iPads will also be used regularly in all areas of the curriculum so the children will become more confident using computers in every area of learning.

History

History will be taught in the first half of the term. We will be learning all about period between Stone Age and Iron Age. Through this your children will develop their sense of what history is and the chronology of events. They will also build on their interpretation and enquiry skills.

Geography

Geography will be taught in the second half of the term. We will be developing our key geographical skills by studying glaciers in Geography. This will look at how they are formed and where they are found.

Music

In music we will be taking a reggae inspired look at rhythm, tempo and beat through the music of Bob Marley.

RE

In the first half term children will be learning about what makes a good leader and this will aid our work in the second half term when we look at role models.

DT

The first half of the term will see children developing their design and technology skills, when they produce a housing structure based on the style used in the time around the Stone Age to Iron Age.

Art

Children will be looking at creating 3D sculptures based on capturing the children's movement.

PSHE

This half term children will learn all about keeping themselves safe and healthy eating. This subject is covered on a daily basis through routines and behaviour.

French

In French we will cover the topics of basic greetings, family, numbers and ages during our weekly French lessons.