

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We hope you had a relaxing half term break!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 team

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3CB - Christian Booth

3AF - Amy Foster



Topic

Our topic this half term is The Royals. This will be the focus for our history, geography and foundation subjects. We will be finding out about modern day significant Royals and producing a variety of written pieces, drawing on different sources. We will be using the topic to develop art and design techniques as well as our performance skills!

English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on the text 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. This is a beautiful retelling of the classic children's tale, with a happier ending than the traditional story. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of non-fiction, writing non-chronological reports, persuasive writing and narrative. We will be continuing to explore descriptions and using engaging and interesting vocabulary.

To support children in their developing literacy skills, we will continue to do daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.

Maths

Our first focus for the half term will be number and place value. We will be recapping and developing children's partitioning skills, leading onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be continuing the weekly mental maths 'rocket' test. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practise their maths facts and times tables! We will send a new rocket card home in due course.

Science

Our topic for this half term is light and dark. We will be learning about different sources of light, and that we need light to see. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate reflective materials, and work in a hands-on way to find out more about reflective surfaces. They will develop scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading

9:30-10:45 English

BREAK

11:05-12:15 Maths

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

2:30-3:20

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Dates for the diary:

December 16th: Christmas Lunch

Nature Garden Day: Tuesday

On Nature Garden day, your child will need to bring suitable clothing and footwear to school - wellies, waterproof clothes (if possible) etc.

PE days: 3LS - Monday & Friday

3CB - Monday & Thursday

3LM - Tuesday & Wednesday

On PE days, PE kits must be worn to school, especially trainers. If trainers are forgotten 3 times, your child will receive a detention. Please ensure that your child's clothing is appropriate, comfortable and suited to the weather conditions that day.