



Class 3 Newsletter

Summer Term 1, 2019.

Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic, holy Easter and are ready to begin another successful term!

In Literacy Class 3 will be working on film reviews, character sketches, recounts and newspaper reports. Our class novels for this half term are 'Charlotte's Web' By E.B. White and 'Escape from Pompeii' By Christina Balit. Our focus in writing will be using various sentence types to make our work lively and interesting. We will also be working on developing a hook within our independent writing to tempt the reader. Our spelling focus will continue as applying suffixes correctly and using apostrophes for contractions. Please see the spelling overview in your child's homework book for further information.

In Numeracy, we will begin with number and place value. The children will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 and will be representing these in numerals and words. We will also be revisiting the properties of shapes and will be measuring perimeters. A copy of your child's current maths targets for this term has been sent home.

Our topic this half term is 'Tremors'- the children will be learning about earthquakes and volcanoes in this geography focused topic. Through this, they will be investigating the powerful cause and effect of various natural disasters. Wednesdays will continue mostly as creative afternoons in which the children will complete mini-projects as part of their Art and Design work. These will include constructing 3D model volcanoes, producing rock crystal photography and sketching the bodies of Pompeii. The topic will look at Ancient Rome and aims to encourage the children to develop skills within historical enquiry. Science will also be covered during our topic as the children become geologists, studying the properties of rocks. Music will be based around composition and using instruments to add sound effects to chosen natural disasters.

This term's Computing will focus on information technology and digital creativity. The children will be uploading and editing digital images using various tools in paint or photo-manipulation software.

In R.E we will be looking at the topic 'Celebrating Easter and the Pentecost' in which the children will be reflecting upon the celebration of new life and on the signs and symbols of the Easter season.

The PE focus will be dance and athletics.

In French, the children will be learning 'Food Glorious Food'.

The open session to view this term's topic work will be on Friday 17th May 2019 and will run from 3.00pm-3.30pm.

Thank-you, any questions please come and ask Miss Lancaster and Mrs Hogan.

Homework- Topic homework will be given out **half-termly**. The children should choose **one suggestion** off the sheet **each week** and bring it back on **Monday morning**. **Maths and SPaG** homework will be handed out every **Thursday** and will be collected on **Monday**.

The children will take part in PE lessons on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure kits are in school on these days.

Your child can bring a **healthy snack** each day which they can eat at **morning playtime**.

Reading books are changed regularly. Please ensure your child's book is signed so that we know to change them. Children are responsible for choosing their own books within the appropriate level. This is to promote independence in KS2.

Positive behaviour rewards include: stickers, raffle tickets, house points, class rewards, choose time and Golden time. For Golden time, the children need to bring in small toys, drawing pads and games. No electrical or battery toys are allowed (Every Friday afternoon).