

English

Story Settings: We will be reading a variety of stories related to knights and dragons focusing on the use of description and WOW words to add effect to a story.

Non Chronological Reports: We will be developing research skills such as scanning and note-taking to find out information related to our curriculum work.

Myths and Legends: We will be using features of myths and legends to write our own myth about a dragon after looking at some well-known myths.

We will be working on our spelling, punctuation and grammar targets throughout all of our literacy units which will include a weekly spelling test and a grammar hammer test.

Theme

Title: Are dragons dangerous and deadly?

Our theme this half term is a creative theme where we will be locating a range of mountains and looking at dragon's habitats. We will also be doing some fantastic dragon art work and designing some castle banners. In Literacy, we will be focussing on stories about dragons as well as using information texts to find out some facts. This theme has curricular links with ICT, Art, Design and Technology, Literacy, Geography PE and Music.

ICT and Computing

We will be using Ipad's throughout this term to support our theme work. The children will research information from a variety of educational websites. They will familiarise themselves with a variety of different Apps including pages and book creator to display their work.

Year 3

Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter



Are dragons dangerous and deadly?

Homework

Literacy and Mathematics homework will be sent home every Friday afternoon. This should be completed by your child in pencil if you can. Please try and send this in with your child by Monday or Tuesday *at the latest*. Thank you. Each night try to spend some time reading with your child and **please comment and sign their Reading Record**. Guidance for this is found in your child's reading record.

Each Friday your child will bring home spellings and they will be tested on these on Thursday afternoon. Please practise these with your child over the weekend.

Attendance

We take attendance very seriously at Pikes Lane. Please ensure your child is in school EVERY day and on time. Thank you.

General Information

PE Kit: Your child will need their PE kit every week. PE is on Wednesday and Friday. Please adhere to our PE kit guidelines.

Book Bag: Please make sure your child brings their book bag every day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Year 3 trip to Clitheroe Castle - details and dates to follow.

Half Term - Friday 17th February

School re-opens - 27th February

End of Spring Term - Friday 7th April

School re-opens - Monday 24th April

Science

1st Half Term: Forces and Magnets.

During this unit of work, we will be investigating materials to see if they are magnetic and who uses them in the local area. We will be looking closely at different forces and the effect they have within everyday life. We will also be looking at different springs and what they are used for.

2nd Half Term: Animals including humans

During this unit of work, we will be learning how plants and animals obtain food and the types of nutrients they need. We will also be looking closely at the human body.

Maths

Number

- Recall of times tables and division facts
- Place Value and ordering
- Knowing number bonds to 100
- Doubling and halving

Measurement

- Relationship between km/m, m and cm, cm and mm.
- Measuring volume, capacity and mass

Fractions

- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Finding fractions of numbers and shape

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables including division facts. Useful Websites:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

www.multiplication.com

www.ictgames.com

www.mathletics.co.uk

PSCHE

We will be focussing on developing our relationships with others and how to deal with different emotions.

RE

We will learn about different religions and learn from them, looking at how they celebrate.