

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a good rest. We have had a fantastic first week back and the children have already shown me that we are going to have a great term.

This term we have lots of exciting lessons planned. Our History topic is Ancient Greece. We will be learning about Greek art, the ancient Olympics, Greek gods and goddesses and famous battles. Our artwork this term will be linked to Ancient Greece.

In Literacy we are focussing on myths and legends and have already started to read 'Perseus and the Gorgon.' Before reading, we took objects out of a story sack, one by one, and tried to make predictions about the book. Year 3 are trying hard to improve their grammar skills and will be learning about everything from prepositions to subordinate clauses. We will eventually write a newspaper report and our own Greek myths!

In Maths Year 3 will be learning about money and measures. We will be handling coins and learning how to add and subtract amounts to find change. We will be learning how to measure and compare length, weight and capacity. We are also trying hard to achieve our copper, bronze, silver and gold times table certificates. Children are encouraged to practice lots in school and at home.

Our Science topic is Forces and Magnets. We will be identifying different forces, observing how objects move on different surfaces, investigating magnetic materials and exploring magnetic poles. The children are really excited to learn more about forces and to experiment with magnets.

In RE, Year 3 will be continuing their work on what different people believe about God. We will also look at different stories of creation.

In ICT, we are focussing on computer programming and will be using the Scratch software to create algorithms with movement and sound. We will also continue to reinforce e-safety throughout the year.

In PE we have started to learn about invasion games. We have already learnt what 'invasion' means and have started to practice our attacking and defending skills. We will be using our new skills in a series of mini-games.

This term in French, we will learn the French alphabet, how to spell names and some basic punctuation. Vocabulary will include pencil case items in preparation for a shopping roleplay, as well as pets, an ideal platform for the introduction of 'j'ai' (I have) and 'je veux' (I want). Combining colours, numbers (to 20), pets and basic conjunctions, the children will be able to create a simple but meaningful French sentence.

The Language of the Term will be German.

We will also be learning about Road Safety this term. We are lucky enough to have the Bradford Road Safety Team to lead sessions about how to stay safe and aware when out and about.

Reminders:

- Both indoor and outdoor PE kits need to be in school on Thursdays and Fridays. This consists of navy/black shorts, jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt (or one of our new blue sports t-shirts) and white trainers. Please make sure children with long hair have a bobble to tie it back and extra socks if they wear tights during the school day.
- We recommend that children bring a water bottle to ensure that they stay hydrated throughout the day.
- A snack can be brought to school to be eaten at playtime. Please ensure this is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit.
- Homework will be handed out on Tuesdays and should be handed in the following Monday. Spellings are tested on Mondays.
- We appreciate any help with practicing times tables at home. The times tables we learn in Year 3 are the 3s, 4s and 8s. Children also work towards individual certificates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me at the end of the school day or contact the office to arrange an appointment. I am open to discuss any queries you may have. Thank you for your continuous support.

Miss MacDonald
Year 3 Teacher