



Elland C of E School Year 3 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fun and enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the new school year. May I introduce the Year 3 team who your children will be working closely with over the next 9 months. We can't wait to get started.



Mr Whitton



Miss Wood



Mrs Kitchen

English

The first topic in literacy will be on poetry. We will be looking at 'Werewolf Club Rules', written by Joseph Coelho. The first section looks at poems that Joseph has written about different aspects of his childhood and his personal journey to be a writer. The second section investigates poems which explore a range of emotions where children will make links to their own life experiences and how poetry can express emotional responses in people. The final section focuses on poems about the natural world and the ways that the author uses language to describe settings and the feelings they inspire.

Mathematics

Number is one of the focuses this term. The children will be encouraged to improve their mental and written maths skills to solve puzzles and problems. We will be looking closely at Place Value using 3 digits and comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000. Alongside daily maths lessons, the children will also extend their understanding of the four written methods (+ - x /) by taking part in daily maths challenges to ensure they are progressing with number. Learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables will be a regular class activity (more about this later) and counting in 50s and 100s will complete this half-term's work.

History

This half term we will be studying the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will look at the rise of Julius Caesar and his attempted invasion in 55-54 BC. Different aspects of the Roman army will be investigated, including the impact of technology and religion, a soldier's uniform, and why Hadrian's Wall was built.

Computing

Children will learn how to program an animation. They will create an algorithm for an animated scene in the form of a storyboard. They will learn how to design, write and debug programs using laptops and iPads and will regularly spend time looking at e-safety and how to stay safe online.

P.E.

The topic for P.E. this term is games. Children have been provided with PE kits so they should only bring their sport kits if they attend an after school sports club. Earrings **must** be taken out.

Our class P.E. lessons will take place on **Thursday and Friday**. Kits should only be taken home to be washed at the end of each half term.

Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Let Your Spirit Fly - an R&B song for children. The children are encouraged to find their pulse, use their imaginations, dance and enjoy themselves whilst listening to a certain genre of music.

R.E.

To start the year off, we are looking at 'Creation'. We will look at how Christians listen to God and believe it is He who created all living things. We will make reference to the bible and know the importance of the Ten Commandments.

Science

In this module children will work as 'Rock Detectives' establishing core knowledge and understanding of rocks, their relationship to soils and how fossils have formed over time. In learning about rocks children will identify and name rocks, describing and comparing their observable properties and sorting them using a key. They will identify ways in which rocks are used in the local environment and suggest why the properties of certain rocks make them suitable for particular purposes.

Homework

Homework is an important part of learning which helps you to see the work that we are completing in class and allows you to share in your child's learning.

Here is an outline of the homework your child will be set and when it needs to be returned.

Monday: (First week will be Maths and English, the second week will be Topic, then back to Maths and English).

- Maths and English homework - to be returned by Thursday.
- Topic - this changes each half term and will be based around a theme from our classwork which can be presented in any way. This half term's topic is 'Romans' and 'Rocks and Soils'. Children could draw images, make models of an amphitheatre, research the foods eaten, design new weapons for the army or make up a story set in the Roman times. These are just a few ideas: children and parents are encouraged to be as creative as possible.
- Spellings will be sent home and practised for the weekly spelling test on Fridays.
- Reading books will be sent home daily and returned the following day. These should be shared with family members who will write a comment on how well the child has read.

Times Tables - Please can you help your children learn their tables. This is one area that I will nag the children because knowing your times tables make many other aspects of Maths easier to understand. Children should already know their 2, 5 & 10 times tables from Year 2 but don't stop practising these. By the time they leave Year 3, they should know the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We teach times tables on most days in a variety of ways to keep children engaged and excited with learning tables. Ask them to show you how to play the games we do in class - Who will win? Adult or child?

Reminders

- Please label your child's clothing.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children for the next 9 months. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see us.

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