

CLASS 3 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that the children settled back so quickly after the Christmas holidays and once again have come back with fantastic attitudes and have settled into their learning straight away. The aim of this letter is to give you an overview of what we will be learning about during the next term of Year 3 and to share with you some of our key focuses and objectives. During the spring term we will be exploring the question of 'Why is New York famous?'

The Spring Term Curriculum in Class 3

English

We will start our New York topic by exploring journeys to New York and investigating the question 'Why did people move to New York?' Firstly, we will be learning about Annie Moore, the first immigrant to enter New York via Ellis Island. We will be researching Annie and Ellis Island and doing a longer piece of historical, creative writing to show what we have learnt. We will then be learning about the Titanic and writing for a variety of different purposes, including recounts and information texts.

Spelling and grammar will be taught as discrete sessions, as well as being embedded throughout children's writing. Children are expected to recognise and name adjectives, adverbs, nouns, verbs, prepositions, conjunctions, prefixes, suffixes as well as understanding the rules of punctuation.

Spelling homework will continue to be collected on a Monday, along with the test.

Additionally, please ensure that children are reading at home on a daily basis and that they bring their reading book to school each day.

Maths

Learning will follow the national curriculum objectives. We will continue to build upon the concepts covered last term and will broaden and develop our skills in: place value, addition and subtraction, doubling and halving, telling the time, finding fractions of shapes and amounts, 3D shape and money. We will be extending our knowledge of using formal written methods relating to the four operations. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that it is a national expectation that children know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables by the end of year 3. I have noticed some fantastic efforts with this so far!

History and Geography

We will be exploring the question 'Why did people relocate to New York?' This topic will enable us to look at the history of another country, as well as the geography of North America.

Science

We will be continuing with our plants topic and moving on to looking at humans and other animals - the skeleton and all the functions of the organs. We will also be investigating magnets and different forces later in the term.

Art and Design

We will be studying Roy Liechtenstein and Andy Warhol and we'll be producing some art work using their styles for inspiration.

RE

We will be asking the questions 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' and 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died *Good Friday*?' We will be looking at the themes stewardship, temptation, the commandments, forgiveness and the emotions of joy, sadness and hope.

Computing

We will be increasing our familiarity with Word and thinking about how we can manipulate graphics and text to suit a particular purpose.

We will also be using simple coding programs to investigate how to make things happen using instructions.

PSHE/SRE

Our theme for PSHE will be 'Going for Goals'. Lots of this theme will be explored through a weekly circle time.

Kindest Regards,
Miss Kilbane and Miss Long