

Class 3 Term Newsletter

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you are enjoying the sunshine.

Please put sun cream on your child before school and provide them with one to use during the day. They will also need a sun hat and water bottle with them every day.

Theme

This term we are learning everything there is to know about water. The first half term will mainly focus on rivers: the features and how they form. After the half term, they will learn all about the water cycle and the terminology and processes associated with that.



Science

Our topic this term is Plants. It will provide lots of opportunities to observe growth and perform some investigations. We will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants. They will also discover some new concepts and processes such as: pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

English

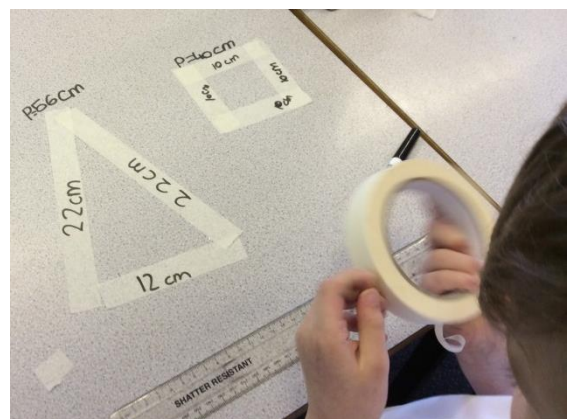
We will continue exploring a mixture of fiction and non-fiction writing. We have started the term by reading, planning and writing some informal letters. The children are learning how to develop a chatty, informal style.

We will continue having daily Reciprocal Reading sessions in which the children get to read and discuss texts in a small group. They complete activities based on the text and learn the skills they need to answer a variety of questions.

It is really important that each child reads at home at least 3 times a week. Please write in their reading record then they can continue moving up the Reading Tree and will earn their Dojos.

Maths

We have started the term with length and perimeter. They are learning how to convert between metres, centimetres and millimetres.



They will be measuring and calculating perimeter even when they aren't given all of the measurements. We will also be covering fractions this term. This will involve counting up and down in tenths, recognising and writing fractions. They will be adding, subtracting, comparing and ordering them as well! There will be many opportunities for the children to master the basic skills and use them to reason and problem solve.

PE

PE will take place once a week on a Thursday for a full afternoon with Coach Taylor. They are doing some African dancing and also developing skills ready for Sport's Day. They will need to continue to bring both their indoor and outdoor kit as well as trainers.

RE

Mrs Addison will be covering my PPA time on a Wednesday afternoon. During this time, she will be teaching RE and French. In RE, the topic is Encounters. Mrs Addison will be teaching the children about Christianity and at least 1 other religion.

French

French will also be taught by Mrs Addison. They will continue learning some of the names for fruit and vegetables as well as other common food. They will also begin developing the language they need to describe items and lessons in school.



Art and DT

In Art, we have started the term with our whole school art project. The children have created pointillist paintings of underwater scenes. Some will be selected to put on display in the hall.

We will soon move onto textiles and have a go at dying and painting onto fabric. This will be linked to our class theme of Water. We will take inspiration from Claude Monet.

In DT, we are going to taste and evaluate some different pasta dishes before designing, creating and evaluating our own.

Music

This term we will be following the Charanga Music School and learning how to sing The Dragon Song by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. It is a song about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness. Once they have learned the song we will be incorporating some instruments.



Homework

Homework will continue to be set at the beginning of each half term. There is a 'menu' of activities. Your child must complete one every week and hand their homework book in every Wednesday to be marked.

Spellings

Spellings will be put into their homework book every Friday ready for them to practise at home. They need to practise putting the words into sentences to show that they know what they mean. They will be tested on them every Friday.

I hope this newsletter has given you an insight into the many, many things your child will be learning this term.

I will be continuing to teach Class 3 until the May Half Term. Miss Simpson will be coming to visit the children and get to know them a little more before taking over my Maternity Cover in June.

Thanks

Mrs Hill and the Class 3 Team