



Year 3 Newsletter Term 1 - September 2020



Welcome to Term 1, we are delighted that our children have settled well into KS2 with positive enthusiasm.

Routines:

- Children need to read daily to an adult, who should sign and date in their reading record (checked daily).
- Spellings (red book) are tested each Friday in school. Please encourage your child to practise them at home.
- PE kit needed on Monday (outdoors) and Friday (indoors), please keep to black, white or grey. No bright colours.
- Water bottles are to be brought in to keep in the classroom.
- Healthy snack (e.g. fruit) to be consumed in playtime.

Term overview:

An overview of our learning aims for the term are as follows:

English

This term our work in English will link to fiction books about fairy tales and our class book of 'Into the Forest'. We will be focussing on narrative writing.

The focus of their learning will include:

- Predicting a text
- Extending our vocabulary usage
- Describing settings and characters
- Extending our punctuation (SPaG)
- Editing and proofreading their writing (SPaG)
- Recognising and using prefixes and suffixes (SPaG)
- Word types - verbs, nouns, adjectives (SPaG)

Maths

This term in Maths our focus will be Place Value, which underpins all mathematical learning. Please encourage your child to practise the times tables listed.

The focus of their learning will include:

- Revision of the 2x, 5x, 10x tables and the division facts
- Introducing the 3x and 4x table and the division facts
- Mental maths skills e.g. adding/subtracting 10 or 100 from any 3 digit number
- Compare and order numbers up to 4 digits
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10/100
- Adding and subtracting methods
- Problem solving and reasoning e.g. explaining their method

Science

Our science topic this term is 'Light and Dark'.

The focus of their learning will include:

- Learning about light sources and reflectors
- Investigating shadows
- Understanding the cause of night/day and the seasons
- Vocabulary e.g. transparent, translucent, opaque, Earth's orbit, solar energy
- DT link, planning and constructing a shadow puppet which they will test

History

Our topic for this term is 'Castles'. We will be using an enquiry approach to learning, encouraging children to ask questions and research/develop their answers. Children will be learning about how castles originated and how they have changed over time, focussing on the medieval period.

Art/DT

We have produced a super magical forest for our door display and will be teaching the children how to use a range of media including oil/chalk pastels and sketch pencils.

Music

We will explore beats and rhythms in different pieces of music and start to create our own mini verses to well-known songs and rhymes.

Spanish

The children will be focussing on developing basic greetings and beginning to learn numbers to 20.

PE

Our outdoor PE sessions will be led by external sports coaches on a Monday and for Indoor PE we will be covering movement and dance on a Friday.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child in their learning. Please feel free to call the office if you have any queries concerning your child.

The Year 3 team - Miss Greipl, Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Passingham