



Year 3 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents and Carers...

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a fantastic and restful break. We are really excited about the learning we have planned for this half term and hope that you will enjoy continuing our learning journey through Year 3.

In this newsletter, you will find the details of what your child will be learning this half term. You will also find some useful information and some websites to help them with their learning.

Miss Adams, Miss Young, Mr Fletcher and Miss Morton

TOPIC FOCUS: DOWN AT THE DOCKS

This half term we will be learning about the history of our local area. We will discover the importance of Woolwich dockyards throughout history and will also look at how the landscape has changed. We will discover the goods that were imported and exported through the docks and learn about how trade has changed over time. We will see the importance of the docks on our trip to the docklands area.

In Computing, we will be using the LegoWeDo app to build and code a robot called Milo.

In science, we will be learning about plants. We will be carrying out an experiment to find out what conditions a plant needs to grow.

VALUES

Each half term, we will be focusing on a new value that aims to create a positive atmosphere around the school. This half term, our value is Resilience.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please make sure that the medical and dietary information we have about your child is up to date. Any asthma pumps must be signed in at the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES

3CA and 3RM Down at the Docks trip

Friday 19th January

3TF and 3AG Down at the Docks trip

Wednesday 24th January

Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please make sure your child has a book bag as they will need it to take home their reading books and improve their reading. The book bags should be brought in to school every day, even if they haven't finished their books.

Please support your child to bring their PE kit to school every Monday and leave it in school until Friday. Please ensure your child's name is written on each item as it helps us locate any missing items.

English

This half term our English learning will link to our Down at the Docks history unit. We will be reading the book 'The Thames and Tide Club' and we will be writing some non-fiction pieces including an explanation of mudlarking and non-chronological report about the river Thames. The children will research and take ideas from the trip to assist with their writing.

Maths

In maths this half term, we will be learning about length, mass and volume. The children will learn to convert between metres and centimetres as accurately measure the length of object in cm and mm. They will learn practically by measuring the weight of object and volume of liquids to help consolidate their understanding.

During each of these areas, we will continue to develop our understanding of word problems.

By the end of year 3, your child should be fluent in the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. They should be able to quickly recall these times tables as well as related facts such as division.

ONLINE SAFETY

Talk to your child about how the internet can be used to find information- you can use it to find out pretty much anything! Explain to your child that it can sometimes be dangerous and we need to make sure we know how to stay safe on the internet.

HOME LEARNING

Spellings will be given out half termly and tested each week. Please support your child by practising them often.

We encourage you to read with your child **for 10 minutes every day**. Please record the books your child reads in their reading champion book. There are lots of rewards for reading books at home so please do encourage your child to read as much as possible! You can also log onto Sora to access an online library of books to read at home.

Please ensure your children practise their number facts homework regularly each week. The children should become fluent and aim to answer each question in under 5 seconds! They can earn certificates for scoring over 50 in these weekly tests.

Help your child to log in to Times Tables Rock Stars at home to practise their times tables.

The children also have access to Numbots using their Times Table Rock Stars login details. This will aid their fluency in number facts such as number bonds. Contact your child's class teacher if you need login details.