



Year 3 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents and Carers...

Welcome back! 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 to help them with their learning.

Miss Adams, Miss Young, Mr Fletcher and Miss Morton

TOPIC FOCUS: SETTLEMENTS

In our Geography topic this term, the children will develop their geographical knowledge of settlements. They will find out about the different types of settlement, including the physical features of the land and how villages, towns and cities develop over time.

In Computing, we will be using garage band to create a piece of music to add to a movie.

In science, we will be learning about Humans including animals. During this topic, we will be finding out about bones and skeletons as well as planning a healthy meal.

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 kindness.

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

Book fair: Thursday 1st March - Wednesday 6th March

World book day:
Thursday 7th March -
Come dressed as your favourite book character

Parents Evening:
Wednesday 20th March
and Thursday 21st March

Last day of term:
Thursday 28th March

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

In English this half term, we are very excited to be reading Roald Dahl's 'The BFG'. We have already begun to read the text and we are loving the made-up words that Roald Dahl uses in the book. We will be focussing our learning around this fabulous text by creating our own dream recipes, writing setting descriptions about The BFG's cave and writing a diary entry from Sophie's point of view.

Maths

Our maths focus this half term is fractions. We begin by learning how to find and identify unit fractions (eg: $\frac{1}{4}$) and non-unit fractions (eg: $\frac{3}{4}$) of an amount. We will then add and subtract fractions, find equivalents and simplify fractions. Later this half term, we will learn to solve problems involving all of these skills.

Children will continue to practise the 6 times tables to ensure that they are able to quickly recall the multiplication and division facts.

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 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.