

Year 3

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! The teachers this year are Mrs Thompson, the year leader, in class 13, Miss Noble in class 12, Miss Leung in class 14 and Mr Fletcher in class 3RA. We are really looking forward to teaching your children this year and have lots of exciting topics to cover. We are happy to speak to you after school if you have any questions about year 3.

We look forward to working closely with you and your children and watching them blossom throughout the year. 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.

Topic Focus: Land of the Dinosaurs



This half term our topic is Land of the Dinosaurs. We will learn about a variety of dinosaurs, what they looked like and what they ate. In addition, we will be finding out about the exciting and volatile world that the dinosaurs inhabited. The children will be learning about the various types of volcanoes that exist and make a working volcano using a chemical reaction. We will also be investigating a range of rocks and soils, they will find out about fossils and how they are formed and will even have a go at making their own fossil.

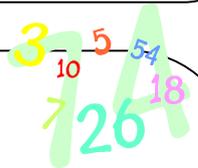
English



During the first two weeks of term, the whole of Key Stage 2 will be studying 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. We will use the text to find out about the characters and will write a diary entry and a letter from one of the character's perspectives.

Our book for the rest of the half term will be 'Krinklekrax' by Philip Ridley. We will use this book to help us to write a variety of text types including letters, diary entries and non-chronological reports. We will also use art and drama in order to explore some of the ideas in the book.

Maths



In our Maths lessons, we will work on a broad range of skills, particularly focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. Using a wide variety of resources and real-world examples, the children will apply their knowledge and skills in many different contexts. The children will also engage in maths investigations in order to develop their problem-solving skills.

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.

Reminders

Important dates

Meet the Teacher:

14th September 2017

The Natural History Museum trip:

Classes 12 and 13: 11/10/2017

Classes 14 and 3RA: 12/10/2017

Class 3RA Assembly:

17th October 2017

Class 13 Assembly:

7th November 2017

Home Learning

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

Here are some useful websites to support your child's learning:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soils/play/

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/tech/volcanoes/newsid_1768000/1768595.stm

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/life/Dinosaur>

Mathletics should be accessed three times a week (or more!) to enable the children to practise a range of maths skills.

Reminders

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of small stud earrings.

Healthy snack shop runs Tuesday - Friday. Snacks are 30p each and children are permitted to bring in small change to purchase a snack.

Please can **all children** bring their PE kits in with them on Monday and take them home on a Friday.

Please ensure that your children are in the playground at 8:50am so that they are ready to walk in to school with their class. A calm and prompt start to the day is really important for the children's learning.

E-Safety Other H&S British Values etc.

This term our Heronsgate Values are Responsibility and Freedom. Children will be learning the difference between rights, privileges and responsibilities. Through assemblies and class-based learning, the children will be learning about their rights and what responsibilities they have both in school and at home.

Please continue to talk to your child about e-safety. If you would like any further advice on e-safety, please feel free to speak to any of the teachers and we will be happy to help you.

Please go onto our school website to find out more about the curriculum and see our wonderful work displayed.