

Year 3 Newsletter - Spring 1 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Our half termly theme is Heritage and Culture. Within this, we will be studying Stone Age to Iron age, money sense and future careers, habitudes and reflections.

Attendance

Kingfisher: 92.9%

Woodpecker: 96%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers...



Our English lessons this term will be focused on the book 'Leon and the space between'. As we study the book, we will then look at narrative and a range of sentence structures. At the end of term, children will use vocabulary, learnt techniques and their own creativity to invent their own version of the story. We will introduce persuasive writing and use the text to help us write in this text style.

As scientists...

This term in science we will be studying rocks and soils. We will:

- Understand how igneous rock is formed
- Understand how metamorphic rock is formed
- Know what a sedimentary rock is and how fossils are formed
- Know how to observe and classify rocks
- Know how soils are made

As mathematicians...

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Multiplication and division

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables
- Write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers, times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods
- Solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division, including positive integer scaling problems and correspondence problems in which n objects are connected to m objects.

Measurement: Money

- Using pounds and pence
- Converting pounds and pence
- Adding and subtracting money
- Giving change

Statistics

- Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.
- Solve one and two step questions such as 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?' using information presented in scaled charts, pictograms and tables.

As theologians...

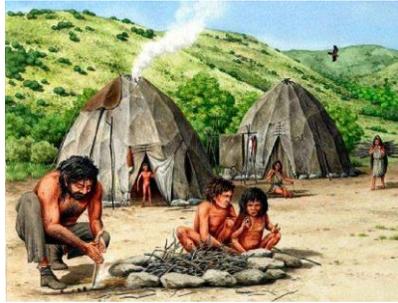
In RE we will be looking at religious art and literature in the Islamic faith.

As musicians...

We will be using Charanga to create music using garage band and a glockenspiel. We will also be looking into the history of music.

As linguists...

In Mandarin we will be studying Chinese culture and begin to write Chinese script.



As historians...

we will be focusing on the pre-historic period, stone age to iron age. We will be looking at a range of primary sources including the cave paintings to help us learn more about the way they lived and they changes between the stone age and iron age.

As good citizens...

we will be looking at developing money sense and developing the skills needed to use money in real life. We will also be looking and different career paths we could take and discussing which we would find interesting.

Heritage and Culture

In Computing...

we will continue to learn about the importance of staying safe online and online bullying (E-safety). We will also be continuing with learning about coding.

As artists...

We will use the techniques of collage to create a world art. We will incorporate some design and technology skill in our collage by using textiles.

As athletes...

We will be starting swimming, working on different strokes as well as lifesaving skills. We will begin learning tennis skills with a professional tennis coach.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **Monday and Friday** every week. Indoor PE is on a Monday and outdoor PE is on a Friday. This half-term Year 3 will start swimming, it will be a 2-week block where they will need their swimming kit every day, one piece swimsuit for girls and trunks above the knee for boys. Every child needs a swimming cap. Woodpecker's lesson are 10th January - 21st January and Kingfisher's lessons are 24th January - 4th February.
- Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school. Kit should be brought in at the beginning of term and taken home at the end of term for washing. Outdoor PE kit must include plain outdoor trainers and a navy jumper. Consider navy or black jogging bottoms for the colder months.
- Your child will be set homework tasks each week in addition to their expected daily reading. Homework will be stuck into your child's book. The homework is generally a reinforcement of the week's learning that has taken place.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday at the latest. This includes a spelling shed assignment to be completed online. All children will have their log in details stuck into their reading record and homework book.
- Please read with your child every day and initial your child's comments.

Thank you for your support!

Year 3 Team

Kingfisher

Class Teacher: Miss Hudson

Woodpecker

Class Teacher: Miss Mulvaney

Teaching Assistant: Miss Wallace