

Year 3 Newsletter - Spring 2 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and hope you all had a restful half term. Our half termly theme is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths). Within this topic we will be looking at building a sustainable world.

Attendance

It is important that your child's attendance remains above 97% so that they do not fall behind.

Kingfisher: 92.2%

Woodpecker: 96.4%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers, we will be focusing on the book 'The secret of Black Rock' and 'Tale of Tin Forest'. 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 non-fiction newspaper articles and use the text to help us write in this text style.



Science

This term in science we will be studying forces and magnets. We will

- Understand forces can be contact and non-contact
- Understand how contact forces affect an objects movement across a surface
- Know about magnets
- Understand how to identify if a material is magnetic
- Know some uses for magnetic materials

As Mathematicians we will be learning

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.

Measurement: length and perimeter

- Measure length in cm and m
- Find equivalent lengths between cm and m.
- Find equivalent lengths between cm and mm.
- Compare lengths.
- Add and subtract lengths.
- Measure and calculate perimeter.

Fractions

- Make equal parts.
- Recognise a half, quarter and a third.
- Find a half, quarter and a third.
- Use unit and non-unit fraction.
- Find equivalences of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$.
- Count in fractions.

As **theologians** we will be looking at religious signs and symbols within the Islamic faith.

As **linguists** in Mandarin we will be studying Chinese culture and begin to write Chinese

As **good citizens** we will be developing our understanding of making the right choice. We will be able to recognise and explain how to keep environments safe and choose the safest option. We will also be looking at links between work and money and the impact this has on our lives.

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 **musicians** we will be using Charanga to listen and appraise a range of different type of music and perform a range of songs.

As members of the **Oasis Community**, we will be looking at our Global Goals. In year 3, our Global Goal is 'Life Below Water.' This involves looking at features of coastlines and looking at the history of the '2-minute Beach Clean.'

STEAM

As **artists** we will be exploring the difference between relief and an impressed printing block. We will also be using plastic from our oceans to create emotive pieces of art, as well as exploring what murals are and making our own.

As **athletes** we will be begin looking at outdoor and adventure activities involving orienteering. We will be continuing 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.
- Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at the beginning of each week, which they will take home to be washed on a Friday. 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 Horgan

Woodpecker

Class Teacher: Miss Mulvaney

Teaching Assistant: Miss Wallace