

Year 3 Newsletter - Spring 1 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. Our half term topic for Spring 1 is Heritage and Culture. This unit of work is based on weather around the world. We will look at physical and human features of the areas which these structures are based.

Attendance

Kingfisher: 94.4% Woodpecker: 92.6%
Target: 97.5%

English

The teaching of reading continues with daily work focusing on comprehension, vocabulary understanding and understanding how the author/poet is conveying their meaning through text. We will be looking closely at inference and deduction as part of our VIPERS lessons. We will focus our sessions on 'Why do Dragons make great pets' and 'The Kraken. Plus 'Mythical countries and Country Comparison' and the children will also be learning 'Months' poem by heart.

Our writing lesson will be linked to the key text for this half term by Angela McAllister and beautifully illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith called 'Leon and the Place Between'. The children will be focusing on the key skills needed to develop their own ideas to innovate and write a narrative. They will also be developing their creative response skills through drama and storytelling. Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly and are linked to the phonic activity and the Year 3 spelling words.



Science

As scientists, we will begin to understand the huge role Science has to play in our ever-developing world.

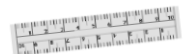
Questions:

- What can we learn about astronaut Mae Jemison?
- How are humans impacting our environment?
- What is a medication?
- What information can be learnt from using the WWW about key scientists?



Numeracy

Number - multiplication and division



- recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables 2,3,4, 5, 8 and 10
- use place value, known and derived facts to help multiply and divide.
- Multiply and divide 2 digits and 1 digit using 'Base 10' and 'Counters' and use of past knowledge.
- To use <math><=></math> symbols to compare statements
- To begin to learn and use column multiplication alongside concrete examples

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Measurement- money

- Counting money in pounds and pence
- Adding and subtracting pounds and pence
- Solve reasoning questions bases on coins given
- To recognize notes and what they represent.
- To convert between pounds and pence.

Statistics

- To use tally charts to present data
- To draw and interpret pictograms counting in 2,5 and 10s
- To collect and correctly represent data using tally charts and pictograms
- To understand data from pictograms and tally charts to help construct bar charts
- To interpret data in order to answer two and one step problems.

As musicians

We are learning a new instrument: the ocarina and explore music personally in our community and around.

As linguists

In Mandarin this half term we will be looking at school life and time and weather.

As theologians

In RE this half term, we will explore art and literature within religion and explain how it is important to Muslims. We shall explore stories from the Qur'an and start to understand the teachings for Muslims so learning about others' religions.



As geographers

Our children will have an opportunity to exercise their curiosity of the world around us through exploring different maps and plans.

Heritage and Culture

As historians

As historians, we will focus on the 9 habits displayed by people living through the Stone Age to the Iron Age period of history.

As athletes

In PE, we shall have the opportunity to learn core skills in Netball in order to play successfully. Plus, continue to learn about the benefits of group exercise on motivation and mental health.

As artists

In Art, we will be learning about collage and the use of natural materials. We shall studying art by Andy Goldsworthy. We will learn to create tessellation and patterned collage which is influenced by the mathematics. Also this term, we shall learn about early prehistoric art.

As computer scientists

In computing this half term, we will continue to learn about the basic principles of coding and will complete furtherer tasks set on code.org. By the end of the half term they will have the opportunity to create their own Star Wars game. The children will also have further E-safety lessons at the end of the half term.

Ad good citizens

In PSHE we will be looking at careers and money sense. The children will also be learning about the 9 habits of being patient and compassionate.

Experience Day

Year 3 will be building their own miniature shelters focusing on surviving in the cold. They will be using be using a variety of materials including clay, branches, leaves and stone to create their shelters.

Notices and reminders

- Please ensure your child's iPad is in school every day and fully charged as these are used to support learning daily.
- Please **read** with your child every day and initial your comments or your child's comments.
- PE is on MONDAY and THURSDAY every week for Kingfisher and Woodpecker Class.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the relevant day.
- **Homework** will be given out every Friday and handed in by the following **Wednesday**.

Thank you for your support!

Year 3 Team

Kingfisher

Class Teacher: Mrs Begum

Teaching Assistants: Miss Wallace

Woodpecker

Class Teacher: Mrs Lula