

Year 3 Newsletter - Autumn 2 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after a restful autumn half term break. Our half termly theme is Citizenship and the World. Within this, we will be studying 'Ancient Egypt and First Civilisations', 'Leaders and Teachers' and 'Citizenship and British Values'.

Attendance

Kingfisher: 96.6%

Woodpecker: 98%

Target: 97.5%

English



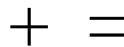
Our English lessons this term will be focused on the book 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We will be developing our descriptive skills by writing a narrative inspired by the story. We will then look at instruction and the features involved in this text type. The teaching of reading continues with daily work focusing on comprehension skills, vocabulary understanding and how the author is conveying their meaning through text. In addition to this, the children are bringing home book banded stories which they should be reading for 15 minutes daily. Spellings are sent home weekly and are linked to the phonic activity and the Year 3 spelling words.

Science

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.

Mathematics



Addition and subtraction



- Add and subtract a variety of numbers including multiples of 100, 3-digit and 1-digit numbers, 1s, 2-digit numbers (not crossing ten), 2-digit and 3-digit numbers (crossing ten).
- Add and subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three-digit number and hundreds.
- Add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction.
- Estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers.
- Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.

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.

As **theologians** we are understanding that everyone is entitled to different beliefs. We will be discovering leaders and teachers within Islam and how leaders and teachers have an impact on Muslims.

As **musicians** we will be identifying music and its importance to others around the world, appreciating the similarities/differences and influences it can have within our own context.

As **good citizens** we will be looking at the British Values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance. This fits within the Citizenship and the World theme in understanding how these values have shaped the country in which we live. It builds on the history coverage from Heritage Week.



Ancient Civilizations

As **athletes** we will be practising gymnastic skills, working on stability, posture, and selective movements to create a short sequence. We will also be looking at coordination and ball skills that can be applied across all sports.

As **historians** we will be focusing on the Ancient Egyptians. We will study range of historical sources to gain an understanding of who the Egyptians were. We will look at how hieroglyphics helped shape the writing system we use today and look at how influential the Egyptians were.

As budding techies, we will continue to learn about the importance of staying safe online and online bullying (E-safety). We will also be looking at the debugging process and algorithms within computing.

As **artists** we will be using water colour to practise illustrations in the style of Quentin Blake. The children will use brush techniques to produce shapes, textures, patterns, and lines. They will experiment and create mood with colour.

As **linguists** in Mandarin, we will be studying Chinese culture. We will also be studying how to: greet others, say where we live, learn countries, and describe the weather.

iPads

Please ensure your child's iPad is fully charged and in school every day. This is an essential part of learning. If your child's iPad requires an update, please make sure that you keep it plugged in overnight to update it.

Homework

Set on a Friday and due in on Wednesday morning -The spellings will be linked to the Year 3 end of year expectations. Children will be tested on these in the week.

P.E.

We expect the children to bring in the correct P.E. kit on a Monday and Wednesday.

Reading at home

Each child has been provided with a reading record and reading book. We expect children to read for 15 minutes each evening, preferably to an adult. This is vital to them making good progress. A record of this should be kept in the children's reading record. The children also have a quiz to answer on Accelerated Reader when they finish their banded book.

Year 3 Team

Kingfisher

Class Teacher: Mrs Begum

Woodpecker

Class Teachers: Mrs Harriman and Mrs Cutter

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Davies and Mrs Portsmouth