



Class 3 Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 3! I hope that you had a magical Christmas and New Years and are ready to have another amazing year.

In English this half term we will be exploring traditional tales and alternative traditional tales. The children will be writing balanced arguments. Further to this the children will also be writing first-person stories as one of the characters from a traditional tale.

After the half term break we will be using Alice in Wonderland as the stimulus text. The children will be debating whether Alice should or should not have her head chopped off and will also be writing a persuasive letter to the Queen of Hearts. We will be exploring poetry within the text and writing our own poems using the text as inspiration!

In spelling we shall be continuing the Year 3 spellings and activities. Children will need to continue to work on their own personal spellings and I ask that you practice spelling with your child and support them in learning their spellings.

In Maths this term we will initially be continuing with addition and subtraction from Autumn Term as well as beginning Multiplication and Division in the afternoon Maths slots.

Our Science topic for this half term is Forces and Magnets. The children will be learning about how different objects move on different surfaces as well as the interactions between magnets and other objects.

This term the topic is Geography based and focuses on the Americas with a primary focus on Brazil in South America. The children will be recalling prior learning about continents, oceans and countries that they can locate. The children will then focus on Brazilian physical geography as well as human geography.

In RE this term we will be looking at the impact of parental religious beliefs and how that affects a child's sense of identity and religious being. We will also be considering how participating in worship helps people feel closer to God. As before we will be taking a multi-faith approach.

In Computing the children will be focusing on Internet research. This will include how to use a search engine, how to find a website and considering the reliability of information found online.

PE lessons will take place on a Monday and a Friday afternoon. This half term we will be developing gymnastic skills. One session a week will focus on movement as part of gymnastics and the second will focus on shape and balance within gymnastics. Please help ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day.

Ms. Dark will continue to teach our weekly French lessons and these will take place on a Tuesday morning. The children will still be receiving Violin lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

Please read with your child as often as possible and note in their diaries when they have read to yourself or another adult. I will be collecting their reading records in every Monday. It is the children's responsibility to bring their reading record in with them ready to be checked.

A new homework grid has been designed for this Term. This will be stuck into each child's homework book along with key skills and general information regarding homework. Homework will be collected in on a Monday and returned to the children on a Tuesday.

Staff in Year 3 this year include myself and Mrs Hodgkinson, who will be teaching the children on Wednesday mornings. We will also be joined by Ms. Steele as our full-time Teaching Assistant.

If you have any queries please make an appointment to see me.

Miss Smith