



Class 3 Newsletter

Spring Term



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back - We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are ready to start the Spring Term.

Topic



This term Class 3 will be focussing on the topic '**Homes Here & Away**'. This topic will link to all areas of the curriculum making close links to Geography. We will be exploring the types of homes found in our local area and comparing this to homes around the world.

After half-term we will be learning about castles. We will learn what a castle is, the features of a castle and what castle life was like. This will also include a trip to Dunster Castle!

Science



Our science topic this term is '**Living Things and their Habitats**'. During this topic we will be spending lots of time outside finding out about different habitats and all the living things within them. Exploring first the difference between living and non-living things, we will then find out about habitats in familiar local areas such as woodlands and ponds, before looking further afield from oceans to the Sahara! We will then identify how living things are suited to their habitats and describe how the living things within a habitat depend on each other.

Literacy



In literacy we will be looking closely at a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. The term will start by exploring the story of 'That Pesky Rat' by Lauren Child. They will be working hard to learn and retell the story using drama and will be moving on to writing their own version about an animal looking for a home.

After half term we will be looking at a range of information texts. Linking to our science topic, we will eventually write our own information book about an animal.

Maths



In maths the children will continue to work independently and in groups to secure their knowledge and understanding in number, place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication and division, and statistics. This term we will also move on to learning about money, time and 2d and 3d shapes.

The children have all been shown how to use TT rockstars now to continue to practise their times tables. Although this is something we will cover in school supporting your child to learn these facts will be valuable to your child's learning. It would also be a huge benefit to continue to support your child in telling the time to the quarter hour then to the nearest 5 minutes.

Computing



Within computing, we will continue to use a range of programmes on the iPads and laptops to further our ICT skills. This will comprise of using technology to create digital content and extending our knowledge of writing and de-bugging simple programmes. We will also focus on how to use technology safely and respectfully.

RE



As part of looking at the world, our RE topic is '*Why is our world special?*' We will explore answers to this question and think about how the world can be viewed and explored through our senses. We will also be learning about creation stories from different religions.

P.E.



This term Class 3 will have PE on a Friday with Mr Weeks. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school at all times and that all P.E kit is named. The children will also have swimming on a Thursday afternoon so please ensure children have their swimming kits with them on this day.

Home Learning



Home learning will continue to be sent out on a Friday and must be back in to be marked by the following Thursday at the latest. Please continue to practise the list of tricky words stuck into the back of your child's home learning book which we aim for all children to know how to read and spell by the end of Year 2. Practising reading and spelling a couple of these with your child each week will help them to achieve this.

Spelling

Spellings will be sent home every Friday and books should be returned the following Thursday to be tested. The spelling test will be done at the back of your child's spelling book so you can check how well they have done.

Reading

Being able to read and having a good understanding of what has been read has endless benefits to all aspects of a child's learning. We therefore ask you to read with your child at least 3 times a week if not more – reading at home has a huge impact on their accuracy, fluency and reading comprehension. Don't forget to sign their yellow reading record and make a comment about their reading if you wish.

Please remember that we are always available to answer any queries or concerns and welcome you to talk to us at the start or end of each day to share any information. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Haines