



Class 3 Newsletter

Spring Term



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back - We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are ready for the Spring Term in Class 3.

Topic



Our topic this term is **'World Explorers'**. During this topic, we will be learning about the seven continents of the world and some of the countries within them, including those we have visited. We will also learn about the famous explorers: Robert Falcon Scott and Neil Armstrong, discovering why they are remembered today and what they achieved. Our topic will link to all areas of the curriculum including geography, history, art and D&T.

Science



Our science topic this term is **'Living Things & 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 our local area such as ponds, before looking further afield from a polar habitat to a tropical rainforest. This will include identifying how living things are suited to their habitats and how some have adapted.

Literacy



This term we will be looking at and writing a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. Linking closely to our topic, this will include looking at a letter written by Robert Falcon Scott during his Antarctica expedition. After lots of discussion and role play about what this expedition was like, we will write our own fictional letters imagining that they are one of the explorers on this expedition.

After half term, we will look at the poem 'Aliens Stole by Underpants' by Brian Moses. Children will memorise and perform this poem, before finally writing their own humorous alien poems.

Maths



In maths the children will continue to work both independently and in groups to secure their knowledge and understanding of numbers to 100 and beyond, addition & subtraction of one and two digit numbers, and counting/ making money amounts.

This term there will also be a large focus on multiplication and division. By the end of the year, the children are expected to confidently recall the multiplication and related division facts for the 2, 5 and 10x tables. Although this is something we will cover in school, supporting your child to learn these facts will be extremely valuable to your child's learning. All children will be expected to sit the new statutory multiplication test when they are in Year 4 where they will be expected to know all times table facts up to 12x12.

Other maths topics this term will include recognising and finding fractions of shapes and amounts, 2D and 3D shape, and measuring length and height in metres and centimetres.

P.E.



This term Class 3 will continue to have PE on a Friday with Mr Hedaux. Children will need shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers/daps. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school at all times and that all P.E kit is named. The children will have swimming on a Thursday afternoon so please ensure children have their swimming kits with them on this day.

Computing



Within computing, we will continue to use a range of programmes on the iPads and laptops to further our ICT skills. This term we will discuss the use of technology in our home and community, as well as its benefits. We will also be learning to use a children's search engine to find out information about an animal from a world habitat. Online safety will be continually addressed within this topic.

RE



As part of looking at the world, our RE topic this term 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.

Home Learning



As last term, children will be sent home with a piece of homework on a Friday. This must be back in to be marked by the following Thursday at the latest. Please continue to practise the 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.

Spelling

Spellings will also 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

Since introducing the whole school reading incentive, we have seen a huge improvement in the amount of reading the children are doing at home with an adult. As a result we are seeing greater confidence among the children as well as improved fluency. We therefore continue to ask you to read with your child at least 4 times a week if not more, as this has endless benefits. When you listen to your child read, checking they have understood what they have read is equally important. There is a bookmark of question starters attached to their reading record to check their comprehension.

Mental Maths

Please continue to work with your child on the mental maths highlighted at the front of their home learning book. Being able to recall and understand these facts will really support them on their maths journey throughout the school. Even if your child knows these facts, they should be revisited to ensure they don't forget!

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