

Year 3 Newsletter

Welcome back Year 3 – we hope that you had a brilliant Christmas Holiday and are all refreshed, ready for the Spring Term!

In Year 3, Mrs Hornshaw will continue to teach on a Monday and Tuesday and Miss Guy on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are looking forward to a really productive term.

We also welcome Mrs Clark who will be working in Year 3 now.

Our topic this term is a geography based topic called Natural Disasters. We will be looking at lots of different extreme weathers such as floods, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, cyclones and tsunamis to name a few!

We will be learning about the impact of these disasters on the environment and people involved as well as how they occur. We will learn about global warming and the weather.

We will be introducing our topic with a WOW day on the 16th January 2018. Children are asked to come to school in messy clothes for an exciting day.

Also we have a trip to the Leicester Space Centre to look forward to – details to follow!

In Science, we will be learning about Forces and Magnets. Mrs Hornshaw will continue to teach Science.

Our RE topic will be Jesus as an Inspirational Leader. We will learn about how Jesus and Christianity fit into the modern world and about Jesus as a teacher and how he is inspiration to us all. Our values are Honesty, Patience and then the Easter story.

Year 3 will be taught PE by Miss Guy and also by Mrs Dawson. One session will be on a Tuesday morning, the other on a Friday afternoon.

Please ensure that PE kits are in school at all times. There is enough room in the cloakroom for P.E. kits to stay in school.

Times tables tests will continue on a Tuesday morning. We have been delighted with the children's progress in times tables this term.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Spellings will take place as usual on a Thursday.

Interventions will continue in the afternoon via the Yellow Book system. This is where we pick up if a child needs further consolidation in a particular area of Maths or English from that day's lesson. We have found that this approach works really well to maintain a child's progress. If you have any queries regarding intervention then please do not hesitate to let us know.

Each day, the school timetable is made up of collective worship, guided reading sessions, literacy, maths and then a variety of other subjects in the afternoons.

In Maths this term, we will be working primarily on fractions, then moving on to time.

We will be using our topic of Natural disasters in our literacy to write the storyline of the flood and a diary event based on Mt. Vesuvius.

Thank you for your support reading with your children at home. We have found this really helps their understanding of a range of texts in school. Please remember to fill in their Reading Record Book so we can monitor their reading. Books are changed in school each morning by children handing in their reading folders. If you have any queries about your child's reading progress then please let us know.

If you have any resources (such as books or artefacts) that you think the children would enjoy looking at or could learn from, they would be very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have a query. We will usually be available after school in the year 3 classroom – feel free to pop in. We look forward to another successful term with you all. Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards,
Joanna Guy and Amelia Hornshaw