



Autumn 2 Term Newsletter – 2021

Year 3

Welcome:

Welcome back to a busy yet exciting half term. I would like to thank all of the children who have made such a great start to Year 3 and thank you to all of their parents for supporting the school with reading, spelling and maths and English homework activities.

As you are aware we have stopped using 'Bug Club' at home and have started using a new reading scheme which includes a quiz at the end of their reading to ensure that the child fully understands the book that they have read. Please continue to read as often as possible at home (at least 3 x weekly) and record in the reading log when they have completed a book so that they can complete their reading quiz as soon as possible and issue them with a new book. I have asked the children to bring in their reading book and log each day for one to one reading with either myself or one of our class volunteers. Spellings have been given to the children as well as maths and English homework using Google Classroom and will go live every Monday.
Thank you, Mrs Kirkup.

Maths: This half term we will be focussing on:

- * Counting in multiples of 3, 4, 6 and 8.
- * Investigating multiplication as arrays.
- * Finding related division facts to multiplication.
- * Calculating using addition and subtraction (using exchange)

You can support your child by:

- * Counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 3, 4, 6 and 8.
- * Using Times Table Rockstars to review table facts.
- * Practise doubling and halving with numbers up to 100.

Writing: Our book this half term is The diary of a killer cat by Anne Fine:

We will be focussing on:

- * The structure of writing a diary. They will write their own diary extracts which will include the features of a diary.
- * The structure of instructional writing. The children will write about caring for a pet.
- * Write poems based on animals thinking about rhyme, rhythm and alliteration.

You can support your child by:

- * Practising spellings, handwriting and sharing other stories by the same author.
- * Read poems with your children and discussing the features of them.

Reading: This half term we will be focussing on:

- * Experience and discussing a range of fiction, non-fiction including poetry books.
- * Ask questions to improve understanding.
- * Predict what might happen from the details stated.
- * Retrieve information using non-fiction books
- * Discussing poetry and performing with greater confidence and fluency.

You can support your child by:

- * listening/discussing the books with your child and completing their reading record.
- * Read and complete comprehensions homework this term.

Religious Education: This half term our RE topic is the Baptism topic - Promises. We will be focusing on:

- * The Sacrament of Baptism
- * The welcome and celebration of the Word of God
- * The giving of the white garment and the candle.

You can support your child by:

- * Discuss your child's baptism (if they had one) and look at pictures

French: This half term we will be focussing on:

* The topic of food. Children will learn names of some foods, including fruit and vegetables, cutlery and cooking ingredients. They will learn how to say which foods they like and dislike, and say what they are eating.

You can support your child by:

- * Play French games, there is a selection on Purple Mash to choose from that will reinforce taught vocabulary.
- * Taste some French food and name it.

Geography: This half term our Geography topic- is 'Types of Settlement and Land Use'

We will be focusing on;

- * Using maps, atlases and globes to find places.
- * Use sources to explore how the land has changed in our local area.
- * Compare life in a city to life in a village

You can support your child by:

- * Supporting their map reading at home by sharing an atlas or locating countries on a globe
- * Take a look on google earth and visit some of your favourite places. Discuss the similarities and differences.

Computing: This half term our topic- is 'Email'

We will be focusing on;

- * To learn how to use email safely.
- * To add an attachment to an email.
- * To explore a variety of simulated email scenarios.

You can support your child by:

- * Access purple mash - 2email programme from home. Work through some of the email simulations together and discuss if they are safe
- * Email a family member who you haven't seen for a long time and wait for a reply!

Science: This half term our topic- is 'Rocks and Fossils'

We will be focusing on;

- * Learning about the properties of different rocks and observe them making detailed drawings of them.
- * Exploring how fossils are created.
- * Researching man made rocks and comparing their properties.

You can support your child by:

- * Going on a rock hunt in the garden or park, can they describe the properties of the rock?
- * Watch videos on YouTube about how fossils are made.
- * Visit a museum and have a look at their rocks and fossils collection.

RHSE: The children will be focussing on: Journey in Love and book focus is 'Two monsters' by David Mckee

- * Covering the 4 stages of Journey in Love.
- * Focussing on how we find solutions to a problem and how we make the right choices.

You can support your child by:

- * Discuss what we mean by love and how we treat each other.
- * Thinking about a problem we face and how we might solve it, talk through scenarios with your children.

PE / Sport: This half term our theme is ball handling skills:

- * The children will be focussing on learning basic catching, throwing, aiming and bowling skills.
- * These skills will then be used to participate in various games.

You can support your child by:

- * Practise throwing and catching
- * Watch sport together and discuss the ball handling skills.

The Arts: The theme is 'A Short Ride in A Fast Machine' by John Adams and we will be focussing on:

- * Listening to and responding to a piece of 20th Century Classical music.
- * Composing our own piece of music to accompany a story about a journey.
- * Learning to improvise using basic rhythms.

You can support your child by:

- * Explore the piece of music on the BBC's Ten Pieces website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/KS2-3/zkthsrd>