

Class 3 Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

It is hard to believe we are in the final term of this academic year. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities organised before the summer holidays!

Key information:

Homework- Homework will be issued on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday. Spellings will be checked on a Friday.

Reading- Reading records are used both in school and at home as a communication tool to comment on children's reading progress. Any book/comic/magazine can be recorded into your child's reading record as this is exposing them to a variety of texts. As a way of checking your child/children's understanding of a text you can ask them a variety of questions. You can also ask about words that they may not be sure of and challenge them to find out the meaning/use it in another sentence. Children in Class 3 are responsible for changing their Reading books.

Please ensure Reading Records are in school each day.

PE-

Thursday and Friday- PE kit can stay in school. Children will bring this home on a Friday to wash.

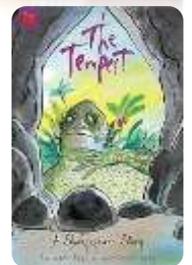
What will Class 3 be learning this term?

Literacy

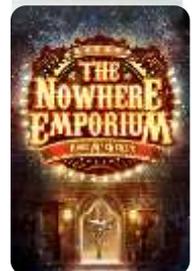
We will begin the term by looking at a Literacy Shed clip called 'The Alchemist's Letter'. Children will explore figurative language devices such as similes, metaphors and pathetic fallacy. They will also explore persuasive language to write a letter. They will finish the unit by writing a narrative using the features previously mentioned.



Class 3 will read 'The Tempest- a Shakespeare story' which is a child-friendly adapted version of Shakespeare's famous play. They will use personification and other figurative devices to write a poem/spell to conjure up a storm. They will also use drama techniques to explore Prospero's story before writing a diary entry showing his feelings. Finally, they will draft a sequel in the form of a diary entry using a specific type of sentence structures called DADWAVERS. See if your child can explain DADWAVERS to you!



After the half-term break we will begin to read a wonderful story called 'The Nowhere Emporium'. Whilst reading and exploring the book, Class 3 will write their own suspense narrative using a range of features learnt throughout the year. They will end by producing a biography of one of the characters.



Throughout the term Class 3 will be exposed to a variety of high-quality texts across the 3 genres: Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry as well as picture books, video clips and songs as part of their whole class reading.

Numeracy

In Maths, we are excited to continue our mastery approach to our lessons, developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills and gaining a deeper understanding of key mathematical concepts.

Following the SATs, we will work on position and direction of shape, statistics, time and finally we will work on a variety of problem-solving investigations which reinforce the skills we have learnt throughout the year.

Science

We will begin with the exciting topic of Evolution and Inheritance. This is always an exciting science topic as it lends itself to lots of practical investigations. Class 3 will explore inheritance, adaptation, evolution and the evidence for evolution and the effect of human intervention.

After the half term break our science topic will change to Electricity. Class 3 will explore circuits.

RE

In RE this term we will answer the question: 'So, what do we now know about Christianity?' RE will be taught by Miss Gillard.

History

Railways, Rockets and the Industrial Revolution.

This term's topic is a local area history topic. Children will explore the work of George Stephenson. As part of their history work we will be going on a class trip to Shildon Locomotion to take part in a workshop.

Geography

In Geography we will explore climate change. We will explore what climate change is, who is responsible, how we can be affected and how we can take action.

PHSE

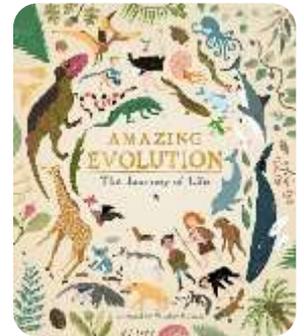
Children will explore the following units:

What affects mental health and ways to take care of it; managing change; managing time online.

Human reproduction and birth; increasing independence; managing transition

DT

In Design Technology we will be designing, developing, testing and prototyping computer-controlled electronic systems for rooms such as motion-sensor activated alarms, door buzzer entry systems or even 'smart home' automatic lights!



Art

In Art we will create a piece of nature art work using a variety of media. This will be linked to our Evolution topic.

Throughout the unit will use our sketchbooks to develop our art techniques.

PE

Children in Class 3 will be focusing on tag rugby in the first half term with a visitor from The Newcastle Falcons!

In PE, on a Friday, children will focus on athletics with Mr Leinster.

After the half term break they will then focus on athletics with our sports coach Adam from Staindrop Academy. They will travel to take part in an inter-school event at the end of the unit. They will also focus on an 'Outdoor and Adventurous' unit with Mr Leinster.

French

French will be taught by Miss Gillard. The children will learn two units:

Chez moi- my house.

Notre café - our café.

Computing

As part of our computer science work, Class 3 will explore a unit of Hour of Code where they will focus on using coding to create a game.

They will explore fake news as part of their online safety work.

Finally, they will use a variety of programmes to create a year book for the Year 6 leavers.



Extra-curricular activities

Class 3 will take part in an end of year production which will incorporate lots of music, art, drama and other skills!

To keep up to date with what Class 3 have been learning, check out our Facebook page or look for updates in the newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to know any more about what Class 3 will be learning, please do not hesitate to contact me 😊

Miss Thomas, Mrs Batchelor and Mrs Papworth 😊