

Class 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2022

Welcome to Class 3's welcome newsletter for the Autumn Term.

It was great to see the children eager to return after the holidays and we are looking forward to seeing commitment and dedication throughout this year.

We already know that the children are all hard workers and we as staff cannot wait to get going to help them build on their successes.

Year 5 and 6 is a great opportunity for children to take ownership of their learning. We know that you will continue to encourage your children to take increasing responsibility for their learning both at school and home. Working as a team we can ensure that your child reaches their full potential as they prepare for the next steps in their education.

Reading- It is important that any reading at home is documented in your child's Reading Record. Children are encouraged to fill this in themselves in Class 3 to take ownership on what they are reading. This will require a signature from an adult.

We celebrate reading within school and as such reward reading at home. I also love reading and it is always a pleasure to see which books children in Class 3 are reading so that I can make some new purchases!

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's understanding of a text you can ask them a variety of questions. This will be in their reading record. 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 own Reading books when needed.

Homework-

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

Spellings will be checked on a Friday.

Please ensure Reading Records are brought to school each day.

PE-

Monday- Swimming

Friday- PE

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

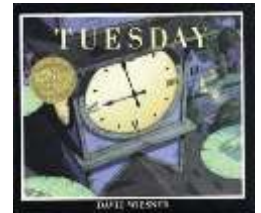
What will Class 3 be learning this term?

Literacy

We will begin the term by viewing a Literacy Shed clip, Red Miss Take to write a setting description/section of a Fairytale. In this short film, the inventor, Artisan makes characters for Wilhem and Jacob Grimm. (The Brothers Grimm). He receives an order for two more characters, Little Red Cap and The Hunter and so he sets about his work. Firstly, comes 'Little Red' who seems very interested in the machinery and the invention processes. She gets too close and something seems to go terribly wrong....

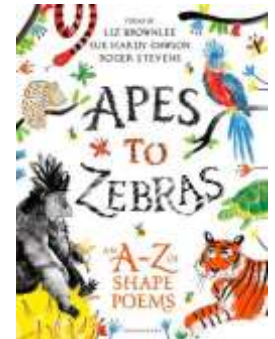


After this we will read 'Tuesday' (my favourite book!) to create a newspaper report. An almost wordless picture book from a picture book great, David Wiesner. One night, the frogs of a pond all lift off on their lily pads and fly to a nearby town causing havoc as they go. Some frogs enjoy chasing after birds on a telephone wire, some frogs fly around houses and others stop to watch TV. The people in the neighbourhood are puzzled as to why there are lily pads all over the roads and they begin an investigation. The frogs even make the evening news. What will happen next Tuesday? Perhaps pigs might fly...



Finally, we will create a shape poem using the book 'Apes to Zebras' for inspiration!

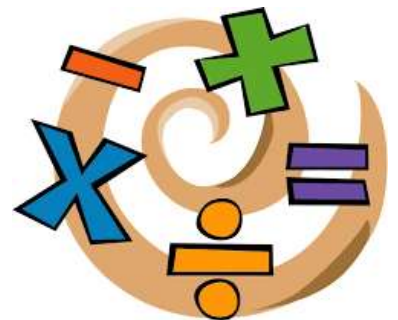
An overview for our Literacy topics for the second part of the Autumn Term will be sent home after the half term break.



Throughout the term Class 3 will be exposed to a variety of high-quality texts across 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 will begin by focusing our learning on place value. We will learn to read and write numbers up to and beyond tens of millions as well as learning to compare and order increasingly large numbers. Later, we will move onto the core topics of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This is where the majority of our autumn term will focus. Later, we will progress onto Fractions. These elements of maths are crucial to the Year 5/6 curriculum and we will spend time revisiting and revising much of the Autumn core learning.



Science

In Science, our topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be learning about biodiversity and how we can classify living things, looking closely at the work of Carl Linnaeus. We will create our own branching keys and record the results of scientific studies using charts and graphs. We will be using a wide range of scientific enquiry types.

After the half term break our Science topic will change to Forces and Magnets. We will carry out a variety of investigations.

RE

In RE this term will answer the following questions as part of our work on Judaism:

Why is 'Moses important to Jewish people?' and 'Why do Jewish people go to the synagogue?'

For our Christmas unit we will explore 'What are the themes of Christmas?' RE will be taught by Miss Gillard.

History

In history this term we will explore the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings exploring the enquiry question:

How did England change during the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings?

Geography

In Geography we will be answering the question: What shapes my world?

As part of this Class 3 will explore weather, water, tectonics, biomes and climate zones.

PHSE

Children will explore the following units:

Managing friendships and peer influence

Physical contact and feeling safe

Responding respectfully to a wide range of people.

DT

In Design Technology we will be creating a functional four-page pop-up storybook design, using levers, sliders, layers and spaces to create paper-based mechanisms.

Following this we will create a functional automata window display.

Art

In Art we will investigate self-portraits by a range of artists, Class 3 will then use photographs of themselves as a starting point for developing their own unique self-portraits in mixed-media.

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

PE

Class 3 will be swimming on a Monday afternoon.

In PE on a Friday children will focus on Games in the first half term and then Gymnastics in the second half term which will be taught by Mr Leinster.

French

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

School Time & City Life

Computing

As part of our Computer Science work Class 3 will create an animated story using Scratch.

They will focus on Cyberbullying as part of their Digital Literacy work.

Finally, they will learn how to use Microsoft Word to create an effective poster.

Extra-curricular activities

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

Football club will run on a Wednesday and Art club on a Tuesday. Speak to Alison in the school office to book your child in 😊

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 😊