

Year 3 Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second part of the spring term and I hope you have all had a wonderful break! Here is just a little bit of information about what your children will be learning in the next six weeks at school. Also, most excitingly, Year 3 and Year 4 will be performing in the Easter Play in the last week. So, not only will they be working very hard in the classroom, but also looking fabulous on the stage!

Maths

In Maths this half term, your children will be learning to understand place-value in 3-digit numbers; separate 3-digit numbers into hundreds, tens, and ones; add two 3-digit numbers using vertical written addition (expanded); add 2- and 3- digit numbers using vertical written addition (expanded).

Then they will be learning how to add two 2-digit numbers mentally; add 2-digit to 3-digit numbers mentally using place value and rounding; add two 3-digit numbers using expanded written method (answers under 1000); begin to move tens and hundreds moving towards formal written addition; add two 3-digit numbers using expanded column addition; investigate patterns in numbers when adding them; choose to solve addition using a mental method or expanded column addition (written method).

In the third week, they will be learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks (minutes past and minutes to); time events in minutes and seconds; find a time after a given interval (not crossing the hour); calculate time intervals; solve word problems involving time.

Next, they will learn how to order 3-digit numbers and find numbers between; solve subtractions of 3-digit - 3-digit numbers using counting up (Frog); use counting up and counting back as strategies to perform mental subtractions; choose to solve a given subtraction by counting up or counting back.

And in the final week, your incredible children will be learning how to double and halve numbers up to 100 by partitioning; solve word problems involving doubling and halving; multiply numbers between 10 and 25 by 1-digit numbers using the grid method; divide multiples of 10 by 1-digit numbers using known tables facts; see the relation between multiplication and division.

English

Last half term, we had the most incredible amount of fun in English writing different styles of non-chronological reports about the Harry Potter books. However, this half term, I have put a slight twist on Folk Tales and focused the learning around legends, specifically, exploring Arthurian legends through Marcia Williams's King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. This book is an amazing book, because it's full of colour and brings History to life! Through focusing their learning on this topic, your children will be able to write their own quest story in the style of an Arthurian Legend! I am so excited and can't wait to read their stories at the end.

Religious Education

As a class, we will be focusing on the way Jesus proclaimed Good News to everyone he met and the variety of responses that were made. Also, we will be looking into the Gospel accounts of the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. We will be attending the Ash Wednesday Service which also signifies the first day of Lent. In class, we will be looking into the significance of the six weeks of penitence before Easter.

Geography and History

In Geography, we will be developing our location and place knowledge by locating counties and cities in the United Kingdom; their map reading skills will be developed and their overall understanding of the different features of a map. Then, we will be looking into the History of specific places like Ribchester where we are going on our school trip. We will have a look at the History of our local towns too.

Computing

This half term with Mr Wylde, your children will be using different types of media (e.g. images, movies, sounds and animations) in the same presentation. They will be taught how to manipulate and edit the media before they are used in a suitable tool such as Microsoft Movie Maker, Microsoft Photostory or Powerpoint.

PSHE

As a class, we will be discussing and researching the cost of a new baby and how much all the equipment costs. Following on, we will discuss the 'unconditional love' that a parent has for a child and how parents 'make sacrifices' for their children.

Physical Education

We will continue to develop our teamwork skills and understanding how to become a great team player through lots of competitive activities. In addition, the children will also develop their understanding of how to be safe when playing a sport or even playing their own game. They will learn about the rules of safety and how important rules are when it comes to keeping themselves and everyone else safe, including the spectators.

French

This half term French is led by Mrs Spacey and she will be consolidating their learning from previous years, so that they can continue to develop their language fluency throughout the juniors.

Music

Music is taken by our specialist Music teacher, Mrs Mallinson who will be teaching the children how to read music and eventually create their own music. How exciting!

Easter Play

Most afternoon, Year 3 will be spending some time preparing for their Easter performance. It is a wonderful and exciting time for Years 3 and 4 and I want to make sure that your children are fully prepared and ready for action!

Making learning fun is my priority! Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Kindest regards,

Miss Burdett

Year 3 Class Teacher