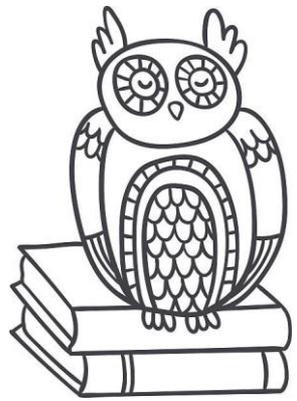


Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2018.



Welcome back to Year 3. It was great to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon. For those of you that were unable to attend, please do not worry as you will find most of the information in this newsletter.

Our main topic this half term is entitled, 'There's No Place like Home'. The children will be learning about the geography and history of the local area.

Literacy

Folktales- We will read The Lancashire Giant and other folktales including those from other countries. Once we have identified the themes and conventions of this particular genre, the children will use these stories as inspiration for writing their own folktales.

Biographies- Exploring how information is organised in a non-fiction text, in particular the purpose of paragraphs. The children will be required to research a person of particular interest to them and write their biography.

Numeracy

This half term we will focus on ensuring we have a strong grasp of Number and Place Value. In particular:

- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.
- Find 1, 10 or 100 more or less than a given number.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, and ones).
- Compare and order numbers up to 1000.
- Read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words.
- Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.
- Count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100.

This understanding will then support our learning as we progress to completing calculations using both mental and written methods.

We will also be revising previously learned multiplication tables and learning new ones (x3s, x4s, x8s).

Science

We will be learning about light and shadows. Look out for our work with shadow puppets.

Handwriting.

Developing the children's cursive handwriting is a priority at the beginning of Year 3. The children are very excited to be working towards securing their pen licences.

Religious Education.

Our worship theme for this half term is 'Thankfulness'.

In R.E. we will be thinking about prophets in the Bible who received a special calling from God.

Geography

Mrs Mclean will teach geography. The children will name and locate counties and cities in the United Kingdom. They will understand where they are in the world and will begin to use maps of the local area and be able to identify key aspects of physical and human features of their local area.

History

Will focus on the changes in our local area. We will define the term 'local' and consider what our local area looked like in the past. We will question why these changes may have occurred. We will also be completing a whole school History project focusing on the Centenary celebrations of the end of World War 1.

Routines.

P.E for this half term will be on a Wednesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. Sport Coaches will teach the children tennis on Thursdays. Please ensure that any earrings are removed prior to the P.E lesson.

Reading Books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remind your child to put their books in the tray in the classroom ready for changing.

Homework will be given on Fridays to be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Spellings will also be given out each Friday to be tested the following Friday.

I will also be introducing weekly mental maths tests and times tables tests.

Your child will be bringing a pack home this week containing their reading and homework books, spelling books, timetables book and their passwords for the various online resources we use. Please look out for this.

Any letters or reply slips can be returned to school via the children's bags. I will expect everyone to get into the habit of checking their bags and handing in any slips before morning registration.

I will be continuing to use the Class Dojo system that the children are familiar with from Year 2. I will occasionally use this system to send messages home. You are welcome to reply to these messages but please be aware that I will only be accessing this facility during normal school hours. Communication with home and school can also be accessed via your child's homework diary.

Moving to Key Stage 2 is a very exciting time for the children, full of changes and new responsibilities and routines. I am aware that it can also be a time of worry for some children. We will endeavour to support all the children during this time of transition.

More information regarding the curriculum can be found on the school website. I am very much looking forward to helping your children to grow this year. If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs S Hayward.