

Welcome back and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019!

Congratulations to all the children for settling in so well to Class 3. Now that everyone is feeling confident, we are seeking to develop our team-working and this week we have special activities, such as a resilience workshop, yoga and an Inter-House Dodgeball Tournament to boost this skill. In class we will encourage more partner work and sharing ideas.

Our curriculum for this term is outlined below:

Topic

Our Topic is the 'Legacy of the Greeks'. Teaching will focus on myths, drama and the Olympics. Students will plan and run their own Olympics and try acting in a Greek chorus!

Writing

We will be writing a narrative story and by half term the children will have created their own version of a Greek Myth. The skills focus will be descriptive writing of setting and characters. In addition, we will continue to try and extend our sentences with conjunctions and learn how to write direct speech.

Reading

To generate ideas for our writing, Class 3 will be immersing themselves in the world of Greek Myths. Our focus will move to poetry in the second half of term.

The Reading Challenge continues and every morning at register time the children have reading time. In Guided Reading, the children will be asked to read some of their book at home, ready for the following week's lesson.

Maths

Until Half term we will be learning to write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication, including two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, progressing to formal written methods and problem solving using multiplication.

Obviously, learning Times Tables is essential. Children in Year 3 need to know 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables, whereas by Year 4 it is all tables up to 12. Whilst we have Times Table Challenge time in class, practising the Times Tables at home would really help your child.

Twice weekly in the afternoons, we have Maths Booster Sessions to keep revising what has been learnt so far.

Then after Half Term, we will be solving area and perimeter problems, plus learning fractions.

Science

Our objective is to grow the Class' confidence at 'Working Scientifically', through an exciting term of practical investigations on our topic 'States of Matter'. We will be exploring changes from solid to liquid or liquid to gas and making links to the water cycle. Nearer Easter, the class will make mini greenhouses.

PE

As well as our swimming lessons on a Friday, on Thursdays we have Tag Rugby.

RE

Children will reflect on what it means to be committed to a faith, as part of this term's topic 'Identity and Belonging'. In the lead up to Easter, the lessons will be about Salvation and there is a trip to an Easter Trail.

Homework

Maths: Set Monday/return Wednesday

Literacy: Set Wednesday/return Monday

Spelling: Set Friday/Test Wednesday

We hope this gives you a flavour of the term ahead,

Mrs Brignall, Mrs Charter and Mrs Blumson.



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