

Welcome back to Year 3!

Spring 1

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas. Thank you very much for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts.



This term our whole school theme is 'Let's Go Wild!' This will run through all themes of our learning.

In Science we will be learning all about animals, including humans! We will begin by exploring the diets of animals, comparing these to the diet of humans. We will discuss the importance of nutrition and what it can do for the body. We will then look at the human skeleton and explore different types of bones that structure our own bodies!

In English we will be studying the book 'Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf' by David Almond. This is a graphic novel that will allow the class to explore their wild imaginations! Children will be writing their own historical narrative with a focus on descriptive writing, higher level vocabulary and using conjunctions such as 'because', 'while', 'if' and 'then'. They will be proof reading and editing their work to ensure the best outcomes.



In Maths we are having a big focus on multiplication and division. It is crucial that children are really secure with 2x, 5x and 10x tables from previous year groups as we are now focussing heavily on 3x, 4x and 8 x tables.

Please practice these daily with children with the corresponding division facts too.
E.g. $6 \times 3 = ?$ How many 3s are in 18? 18 divided by 3.
We will be using these facts to multiply 2 digit numbers x 1 digit and to solve problems.

Computing will be integrated into our Geography lessons this term. Using the internet to research various cities in the UK and observing them as a habitat for humans.

Children will learn more about the SMART rules to keep themselves safe online. If you as parents have any internet safety questions or you need help to ensure safe settings online please come and see us and we will more than willing to help.



In Art we will be developing our painting and drawing skills inspired by Franz Marc expressionist style paintings of animals.

PE will continue to take place every Tuesday with Miss Gray and Wednesday with Mr Hewitt. Children need to have a full PE kit in school which should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather is still cold children can bring a plain black/grey tracksuit into school for outdoor PE and trainers.



HOMWORK

Homework will continue to go out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday so we have time to go through the tasks in class together.

Each week children will have a short Maths and English skills burst activity and spellings to practice. Please ensure children write out their spellings 3 times and then write them into a sentence.

This term we will have a focus on key vocabulary that the children will need to use throughout our topic work alongside the statutory spellings.

At different points in the term children will be set project work linked to the theme where the return dates will be specified.

We really look forward to seeing more fabulous homework pieces this term!

Children should read their reading books every night and your comments in planners are really useful. Please question children about what they have read to ensure they have a good understanding of the text.

If children read other books at home which they enjoy, please encourage them to write a book review to bring into class so that they can recommend books to other children.



Key dates:

Tuesday 29th - Wednesday 30th January - Science Fair

Tuesday 12th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 13th February - Parents Evening (other times will be available that week)

Friday 15th February - Finish for Half term

Monday 25th February - Return to school for Spring term 2.

