

Year 3 Spring 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents/carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. This half term our theme is 'Shine Bright', which will link together many areas of the curriculum.

English:

In our English lessons, we will be reading fiction text 'The King Who Banned the Dark' by Emily Haworth-Booth. During this unit the children will be building up to writing their own stories and newspaper articles, including creating dialogue.

Reading within school continues to be an important part of the children's learning, each week the children have guided reading sessions in class, along with daily reading practice. We also continue to encourage reading at home regularly. Please can all children bring their reading books and logs to school each day.

Maths:

In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division. This will include multiplying and dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. We will also be using this learning to solve worded problems.

We will be continuing to learn and revise our times tables throughout the term. We continue to encourage the children to learn their tables at home, each week, using Times Tables Rockstars. Each term the children have opportunities to earn badges for their time spent learning on this website.

Computing:

In computing our focus will be programming. We will explore the concept of sequencing in programming through the website 'Scratch'
-[https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor/?tutorial=getStar](https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor/?tutorial=getStarted)
ted

The children will learn to create their own programs, featuring sequences using motion, sound, and event blocks.

History:

In our History lessons we will be exploring the very first civilisations, including Ancient Egypt, The Indus Valley and Ancient Sumer. We will be asking questions about these civilisations and investigating to find out how these people used to live and what influences are still seen in the world today.

PE:

Our PE lessons will be focused around health related fitness and playing dodgeball. The children will learn about the importance of flexibility and core strength, as well as plyometric exercises to increase speed, endurance, and strength.

We will also continue our daily mile.

Science:

Our topic this half term is 'Light and Shadows'. We will be exploring light as a source and how shadows are formed and can be changed. We will be planning and carrying out different experiments to help us with our learning.

We will be holding a parent event on Wednesday 12th February at 3.20 to share our Science learning!

RE:

We will be starting the term with two RE days, based on the theme 'Light & Dark Across Religions and the Wider World'.

Our Big Question is 'Why are festivals important to religious communities?'

Music:

In Music the children will explore instruments, learn about instrumental timbres associated with different countries and use this knowledge to create simple accompaniments to songs.

Art

In Art we will be exploring the painting 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. We will be creating our own paintings using water colours and experimenting with texture using oil pastels and using charcoal to create silhouettes.

MFL:

This half term the children will be learning to name familiar musical instruments and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb 'I play' in French. Our language of the term is Yoruba.

We thank you for your continued support. The Year 3 Team.