

Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 1 2024

Welcome

Welcome back to term 3 and a happy new year! I hope that 2024 is a great year for you and your family 😊
We hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning.

Spelling and Reading

This year we will have our test spelling on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Friday. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. We will be focussing on backing up the points we are making using evidence from the text.



Writing

In English this term we will be writing using our class text from last half term, The Last Bear, to write a narrative story and a setting description of Bear Island. We will also be showing off our comparing skills by comparing “Anglo-Saxon Settlement versus Modern Settlements”.



Maths

In Maths, we will continue to work on our multiplication and division then we will move on to Perimeter and length.



Science

Our science topic this term is Light. We will explore at light and dark, transparent and opaque surfaces, mirrors and reflection, shadows and finding patterns in changing shadows



Computing

This term we will be looking at coding.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying Art in Ancient Egypt. To do this we will look at famous pieces of art, creating a clay model of The Great Sphinx, we will also be making Egyptian collars and making papyrus paper.



In DT we will be making a pop up book for your child to take home.

Geography/History

Our history topic this term is “The Anglo Saxons, the Scots and the Vikings”. We will be learning about life in Anglo Saxon England, The Scots and the Picts, understanding Anglo Saxon Settlements, understanding Anglo Saxon Culture and Religion, who were the Vikings and understanding Viking Raids and the invasion of UK.



Our Geography topic this term is Rivers, we will be looking at what a river is and looking at Rivers of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, South America and North America.

Music

In music we will be looking at reggae music. We will listen to different pieces of this genre and perform “Three Little Birds- Bob Marley”.



PE

In PE this term we will be going swimming on a Wednesday morning. We will walk to the swimming pool at the start of break time. Please make sure you have your swimming kit, including your hat in school this day.

PSHE

Teaching Unit: Dreams and Goals



This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Dreams and Goals
- My Dreams and Ambitions
- A New Challenge
- Our New Challenge
- Our New Challenge- Overcoming Obstacles
- Celebrating My Learning

RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

Homework Project

Please see separate letter.



Your child's homework is to create either:

- 1) Write a fact file about the Anglo-Saxons or Vikings– Who were they and where did they come from?
- 2) Make an Anglo-Saxon or Viking helmet
- 3) Make a Viking sword
- 4) Make a Anglo-Saxon shield
- 5) Make a Viking longship



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Fortune

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Eden & Mrs Windsor

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.





Dates for the diary!

- Thursday 4th January- School open for pupils start of term 3
- Monday 5th February Internet Safety with Jam Coding –Year 3 afternoon
- W/C 5th February – Parents’ Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc Friday
- Friday 16th February – School closes for Half Term