

Literacy

In literacy next term we will be writing non-chronological reports. This will initially involve analysing the structure, content and style of existing reports. We will then be working on our note taking skills to research information which we will then include in our own non-chronological reports.

We will also be reading and performing rainforest poems before writing our own acrostic poems based on the tropical world of the Amazon rainforest.

Handwriting continues to be a focus this half term. We already have some children with their silver pen license and lots of children have been awarded the bronze certificate to recognise their improved handwriting.

We will also be focussing in on some the aspects of year three grammar in our SPaG raffle.

Science

Our science topic for the half term is 'What do rocks tell us about the way the earth was formed?' We will be looking at the different types of rocks and how they are formed which links to our work in the creative curriculum.

We will also be looking at the uses of different types of rocks and what makes them suitable for their purpose.

As part of the topic, we will carry out a number of experiments to investigate the properties of different rocks.

Maybe you could go on a rock walk around your local area to identify the uses of different types of rocks?

Physical / Social

One PE topic this half term is Netball. We will continue building our skills both as attacking and defending players as well as refining our shooting skills.

In our other PE lesson, we will be learning how to dance the Haka! Children will rehearse a taught routine and then devise their own sequence of moves. They will also consider the formation and dynamics to ensure they have the most frightening impact on the opposition!



Half Term Preview

Class: Y3

How You Can Help

Thanks to all the parents who have already returned their slips for the Chocolate Story trip, we are really looking forward to a fun packed day! We are currently making plans for our fund raising events to reduce the price for families.

We have been really pleased with the children's enthusiasm to complete any homework tasks set. Please encourage your child to complete weekly Spelling Contract activities and maths activities including Learn Its. We are expecting our first silver spelling awards in the coming weeks.

Children all have a home school reading record. Please use this to record when you have listened to your child read in order for your child to change their book regularly and to enable them to take part in the class reading race. If children are reading their own books at home then please note this too as it all counts towards the race and giving children a rounded experience of reading.

We currently have a lot of children losing items of clothing. Please help us by making sure your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name so that we can return any found items straight away. PE sessions will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school for these days.

Numeracy

All maths lessons will continue to involve a CLIC session but we will also be teaching other areas of maths.

With Mrs Leverton, children will initially be consolidating their work on the division method then combining this and their work on multiplication to tackle scaling problems. We will then be moving on to measurement in terms of length and calculating the perimeter of 2D shapes.

With Miss Morecroft, children will be building on their ability to add and subtract numbers mentally before moving onto formal written methods for adding and subtracting.

Creative Curriculum

Year 3's time in Mexico has sadly come to an end but our next adventure will take us into the exciting continent of South America.

We will be starting by delving into the depths of the Amazon rainforest. We will be learning how to locate the equator, tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the rainforests on world map whilst understanding the climate and structure of the rainforest. We will be learning about the effects of deforestation and the impact humans are having on the world's rainforests. We will be exploring the sounds of the rainforest in music and will be starting our new DT focus, textiles!

Computing

Next half term, we will be continuing with the work we have started on computer programming.

We will be practicing how to give instructions to change the position and direction of characters on screen to solve puzzles. We will be learning about how loops can make our programs more efficient.

When there are ways to follow and extend learning by using websites on the internet at home, we will blog the links for you.