

Literacy

In literacy next term we will be writing our own adventure stories. We will analyse the structure and style of adventure stories that have already been written. We will then plan and write our own stories thinking about the setting, plot and characters.

We will also be looking at writing non-chronological reports focusing on the exciting Mexican festival 'Dia de los muertos' following our experience day. We will analyse the organisational features used in non-fiction writing in order to structure our information clearly for the reader.

Guided reading is still a focus in school. Ask your child to explain the new format of our sessions to you.



Half Term Preview

Class: Aslans (Y3)

How You Can Help

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 Big maths activities including Learn Its.

For any additional activities please visit the class blog. This is regularly updated with class news, homework and photos so you can see what is happening in class.

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.

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.

Thank you for all your support so far this term. It was lovely to meet so many parents at the consultation evenings.

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 studying 2D and 3D shapes and their properties such as parallel and perpendicular lines. They will then be focusing on measurement to include distance, weight and money. This will involve reading from scales and solving problems involving measures.

With Miss Morecroft, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of equivalent fractions and will build up to solving calculations involving unit and non-unit fractions.

Science

Our new science topic will be How Does Usain Bolt Move so Quickly? (Keeping Healthy) We will be looking at what food humans need to stay healthy and how this food is processed by the body.

We will also learn about how we use muscles and the skeleton for movement.

To tie in with our work in PE, we will then be looking at the effect of exercise on our bodies.

You could help your child by looking at the nutritional information on food packets to examine the nutritional value of different foods.

PE

We are very lucky to be receiving a half term of dance teaching led by Amy of Dazzle Dance. These lessons will take place on Thursday afternoon (rather than the usual Friday session). Children will develop their own dance skills which will lead to a class performance.

We will also be doing gymnastics. We will be learning about the different body shapes which are key to this sport and practising them both as a balance and in the air and later incorporating these into a routine.

Creative Curriculum

Bienvenido a Mexico!

Year 3 are going to be exploring this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals such as the popular 'Dia de los muertos'.

They will learn about the ancient Maya civilisation and how their environment, beliefs, architecture and mathematical knowledge made the Maya one of the most sophisticated ancient civilisations.

We will be continuing our weekly cooking sessions and preparing a variety of Mexican dishes using a range of cooking techniques.

Computing

In computing, children will be focusing how to use the internet to search and find a range of information. This will feed into the information texts the children will be writing in their literacy lessons.

We will also continue to look at the importance of e-safety during our computing lessons.