

Literacy

The Y3s have made a fantastic start with their Literacy work this year. So far, they have written a diary entry, a setting description and a persuasive letter.

In Literacy next term, we will be writing a recount of the exciting Mexican festival 'Dia de los Muertos' following our experience day on Monday 4th November.

After this, we will be reading and exploring the story of Adelita – the Mexican Cinderella story. Children will then create their own traditional tales set in the Spanish Speaking world.

Weekly spelling tests will continue to consolidate learning of common words and spelling patterns that are taught in conjunction with handwriting as we develop a fluent and consistent joined script.

Science

Our first Science topic *Forces*, including *Magnetism* draws itself to a natural conclusion during Autumn 2 with a look at how magnets act over distances.

As we enter Winter, our new Science topic will take a look at *Light*. We will explore different light sources and how different materials reflect and obscure light. We will also look at how we use the properties of light to make our everyday lives easier.

PE

In PE, we will 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 before incorporating these into a routine.

PE takes place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. All children are expected to bring appropriate kit to school on these days. For the safety of your child: earrings and watches must not be worn during PE. Long hair should be tied up.



Half Term Preview

Year 3 Aslan Class

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 and maths activities including practising our weekly Learn Its. It is essential that children regularly practice their multiplication tables. To make this more engaging, we encourage children to practise through Times Table Rockstars.

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.

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.



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

Miss Morecroft and Miss Wieczorek

Numeracy

All maths lessons will continue to follow a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach to develop children's conceptual understanding and mastery each area of maths.

Following our work on Place Value, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers using an expanded column method for addition and a number line for subtraction. Next half term, we will be moving onto multiplication and division.

Our weekly *Big Maths...Beat That!* and mental maths sessions will consolidate number facts and calculation strategies.

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 begin to explore how video is produced by helping to make and starring in their own Walkley news broadcasts.