

## What's happening in Class 3 - Spring Term 1 2022

Welcome back! This half term we will be learning:



**English:** We will be reading and investigating a range of traditional tales, looking at the structure, characters and the language they contain. We will develop our ability to use descriptive language effectively before writing our own traditional tales. We will then explore explanation texts before writing our own explanation about why it is important that we look after our teeth. In poetry we will explore the structure of different poems, reading a range to then inspire of our own poems.

**Maths:** As mathematicians, the Year 2s will be developing written addition and subtraction methods to problem solve. They will also be developing their understanding of statistics and time, before looking at doubling and halving numbers and money. Year 3s will be calculating and solving problems involving perimeter, before focusing on developing their understanding of multiplication and division, mainly with the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will then find, order and compare fractions.

**Science:** We will evaluate the structure of teeth in humans and animals, gaining an understanding of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will create diagrams of different types of teeth and perform a scientific investigation to discover how diet affects teeth and how they can best preserve them. We will create our own model of the digestive system to explore how our bodies digest the food that we eat. We will then use information about animal diets to explore and construct simple food chains.

**Art & Design Technology:** We will develop our drawing and shading skills to create different textural effects. As Artists and Designers, we will dye fabric, decorate swatches with a variety of stitches, pad shapes and collate their creations to form a textile picture of a Viking longboat at sea.

**Computing:** We will develop our word processing skills so we can write letters and reports etc. We will also look at how the internet can help us with research and communication, identifying the positive features but also think of the dangers and ways we can keep safe online.

**French:** We will learn about the culture and celebrations in French speaking countries. Using maps and facts, we will improve our knowledge of key areas of interest in France. We will increase our vocabulary, learning new words and phrases relating to parts of the body.

**Geography:** We will be practising our map skills by looking at Scandinavian and other countries in Europe invaders came from. We will locate the countries where these people were from originally and plot their route through England. We will explore geographical features - especially the lack of farming to try and understand why for example the Vikings settled in Britain.

**Music:** We will be learning to sing tunefully, a variety of songs connected with our traditional tale focus in English. We will also be listening to variety of music by different composers, using an increasing range of musical vocabulary to comment on what we hear.

**PSHE:** This term, we will be looking into belonging to a community and what it means to be British. We will talk about democracy, the rules and laws of our society and what rights we have as British citizens.

**PE:** We will be developing our racquet, throwing and catching skills as well as our agility to complete simple badminton activities and games. In dance, we will be learning how to move in

an expressive manner, refining those movements into sequences, and eventually planning and performing a dance in front of the rest of the class. We will be taking examples from cartoons and using prompts from all areas of life, including technology.

Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is in school at all times, including plimsolls or trainers. Although P.E is timetabled on set days (Monday and Thursday), sometimes this needs to change.

**RE:** We will explore how our friend Jesus is like a very good Shepherd. He protects us during storms, provides for us and heals our hurts, through studying a variety of New Testament stories.

Next term we have booked to visit York by train to enrich our historical studies and also increase our cultural capital. Further details will follow.

### **Home Learning**

**Reading:** Please encourage your child to read fluently and with expression, each night at home. Please discuss and ask questions about what they have read as well the meaning of words to ensure a full understanding of the text read and to develop their vocabulary.

**Spelling:** Each Thursday the children will be given a list of spellings to learn. The children will be tested on these spellings the following Thursday.

**Maths:** Please continue to practice the rapid recall of multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Year 3s should also ensure they know their 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

**Other homework:** Other homework will also be given related to what is being learnt in class to consolidate learning and will be given out when appropriate.

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact us.

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