



Year 3 Newsletter

Classes 3L and 3H

This term the children will be exploring the following topics.

In **Science**, we will be learning about 'Animals including humans' and what makes each animal different. We will be looking at the teeth of different animals including our own. We will identify that humans have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement and understand how these muscles help us to move. Finally, we will understand how food can keep us healthy.

How can parents help? Can you become science investigators by researching different facts about animals at home? We could use these in school. If you have ever visited the zoo, send us in some of your pictures so we can explore these in our science lessons and any interesting facts you may have learnt!

In **Maths**, we will begin by looking at place value, understanding the place value of 3-digit numbers and ordering/ comparing numbers up to 1000.

We will then move on to understanding the commutative law of addition and subtraction, using methods such as column method to successfully solve problems.

We will also look at solving problems of addition and subtraction with renaming before finishing the unit with exploring word problems.

In **PE** we will be completing units on: Swimming - concentrating on basic front stroke and back stroke during the Autumn Term (Monday - 3H Autumn 1st Half / 3L Autumn 2nd Half)

Invasion games (Outdoor PE: Monday): We will learn how to trap and cushion a ball using jockeying and understand how to keep possession.

Thursday (Indoor) - Dance around the world - developing a motif demonstrating some agility, balance, coordination and precision

In **Literacy**, we will be looking at animal adventure stories whilst studying *The Owl who was afraid of the dark* - Jill Tomlinson

From this book, we will be creating character profiles on the main character 'Plop', non-fiction fact files on owls and writing diary entries in the role of key characters. We will finish off our English unit by exploring, analysing and creating our own shape poems.

This half-term in **History** we will be studying Early Britain and placing these events on a timeline. We will consider if the stone Age man was simply just a hunter gather or was there more to them? We will also look at early farming and study Skara Brae to find out the mystery there.

In **Geography**, we will be studying the Mediterranean looking at food, culture, landscape and architecture. We will be able to place Europe on a map and find out about its features.

In **Art**, we will be painting in the style of Paul Cézanne.

In **RE**, we will be looking at Christianity and what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus.

Messages and reminders

Please access EDshed daily to complete spelling and math tasks.

Reading books should be read at home regularly and sent into school every day with their homework diary, so children can read with an adult in school. Please practice times tables and encourage children to practice in any spare time. We are always available to discuss any area of the curriculum so please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Please keep your teacher posted with anything amazing you do outside of school so we can praise this in our show and tell sessions.