

Year 3 Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back to school, and I hope you had a great break! Our topic this term is one that will allow us to travel to distant new lands, and explore different cultures. We will be exploring the world's climates, and the flora and fauna that thrives within. As always, I am thrilled with the work my class have been producing and I am optimistic for the term ahead.

Literacy

This half term, our focus is on fantasy, inspired by Charlotte's Web. For the first couple of weeks, we will be creating an explanation text about spiders and the amazing things they do. Next, we will write our own chapter of a fantasy story, using the ideas from Charlotte's Web to guide us.

You can also help us by reading with your child daily. It is important to stop them regularly, to check their understanding. You can do this by asking questions like: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do they know? Look at the layout of each page and how photos/diagrams in the text are used and ask your child questions about these aspects. Ask your child to really explain their answers using a 'because', if necessary.

Key vocabulary:

Explanation text temporal conjunctions
causal conjunctions subordinate
clauses prepositions similes
adverbs expanded noun phrases
fantasy

Mathematics

Throughout Year 3, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
 - Fractions
 - Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term we are focusing on fractions, which should lead us into the summer term as well. Children will become familiar with the concept of unit fractions, and how to make an equivalent fraction.

Key vocabulary:

fractions	half
quarter	third
eighth	equivalent
unit	denominator
numerator	



SCIENCE

In science, we will be looking at plants, and what we need in order for plants to grow. We will also be looking at the environmental impact of plants, and why they are so important.

Key vocabulary

Fair test	conclusion	method
plants	flower stem	stamen
stigma	petal	roots
pollination	pollen	oxygen





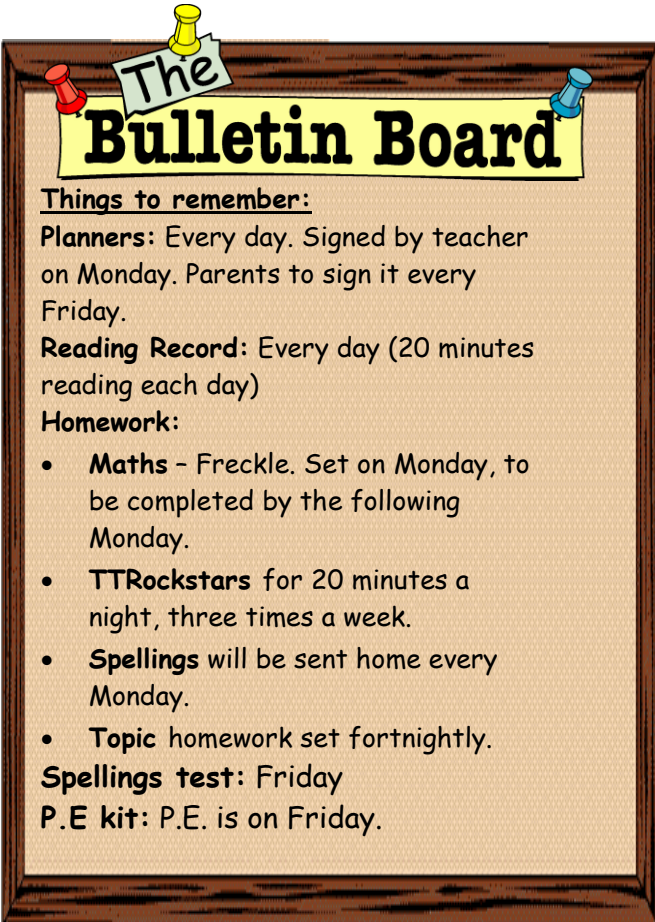
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Football.

PSHE - In PSHE, we are thinking about the people we trust, with a particular focus on trusting people online.

Spanish - In Spanish this term, we are learning some basic adjectives, as well as Easter practices in Spain.

Computing - We are presenters! We will be able to create a PowerPoint presentation on a topic we are interested in.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Planners: Every day. Signed by teacher on Monday. Parents to sign it every Friday.


Reading Record: Every day (20 minutes reading each day)

Homework:

- **Maths** - Freckle. Set on Monday, to be completed by the following Monday.
- **TTRockstars** for 20 minutes a night, three times a week.
- **Spellings** will be sent home every Monday.
- **Topic** homework set fortnightly.

Spellings test: Friday

P.E kit: P.E. is on Friday.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

W/B 7th March - Science week

Monday 14th March - International Maths Day

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day

Friday 8th April - break up for Easter

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>



This half term, our topic is "Climates".

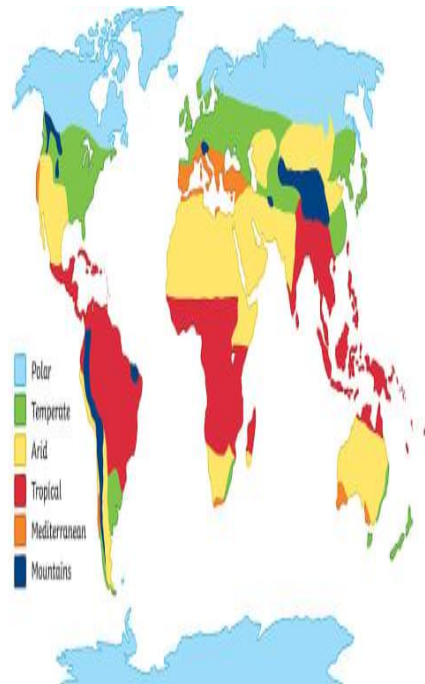
Climates

What are climate zones?

Climate zones determine the weather, flora and fauna of an area.

Fun Fact:

The UK is within the temperate climate zone, meaning that the 4 seasons are very distinct.



What are the different climate zones?

- Polar
- Temperate
- Arid
- Tropical
- Mediterranean
- Mountain

Key Vocabulary

Equator

polar

flora

fauna

Arctic Circle

Antarctic Circle

Tropic of Cancer

Tropic of Capricorn

seasons

precipitation

humidity