

Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back to school, and I hope you had a great summer! Our topic this term is one that will take us across the world, as we explore maps and rocks. We will also be doing some art work to support our learning, as well as exploring music and computing. Miss Savill is looking forward to the work her new class will produce, and is optimistic for a great year of learning!

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, we are creating a fantasy story as we read 'Eight Princesses and the Magic Mirror'. We will be able to use tension and drama in our own writing, as well as explore magic and wonder. We will then read Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa Parks as we enter October, which is Black History Month. By the end of the unit, children will be able to read and write their own letters of gratitude to important people such as Rosa Parks.

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:

Fantasy fiction adjectives
 adverbs inverted commas
 conjunctions drama Rosa Parks
 letter formal address
 greeting

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 will focus on place value, and the recognition of the value of numbers up to 1000. We will recap on core maths concepts such as number bonds to 10. An understanding of place value is essential to a deepened understanding in maths, as we will then move on to addition and subtraction.

Key vocabulary:

Place value tens ones
 hundreds base ten
 part-whole model two-
 digit three-digit equal to
 equivalent represent



SCIENCE

In science, children will begin to understand and explore rocks. Children will learn about the different categories rocks fall into, and how they are identified, as well as how they are formed. We will also be taking part in many scientific experiments, such as Scratch Tests.

Key vocabulary

Fair test conclusion method
 rocks igneous sedimentary
 metamorphic fossils
 ammonite prehistoric
 Fredrich Mohs scratch test





Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Athletics. Please make sure your child has suitable footwear for all weather.

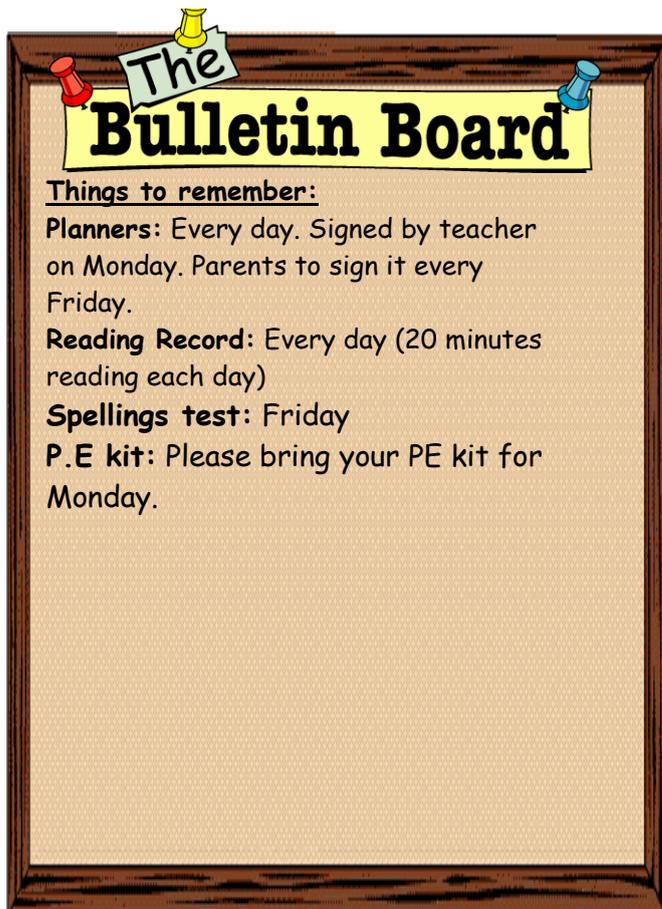
PSHE - In PSHE, we are thinking about relationships, and how we can form relationships that are healthy and secure. These relationships include friendships, as well as those with our family.

Spanish - In Spanish this term, we are learning how to introduce ourselves.

Computing - We are learning what digital devices are, and how they work.

Music - Let Your Spirit Fly.

Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make-up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. Dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.



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)
- Spellings test:** Friday
- P.E kit:** Please bring your PE kit for Monday.



IMPORTANT DATES

- School closes:** 14 October
- Closed to pupils:** Inset day 31 October
- School opens:** 1 November

Maths link: <http://play.ttrockstars.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 "Where in the world?".

Where in the world?

Where are we?

This term, we will learn about how to use a map properly, as well as how to read it. This includes using the longitude and latitude to locate different places!

Fun Fact:

Cities with a longitude of 0° include Greenwich and Cambridge (UK), Lleida (Spain) and Le Havre (France)!



Why do we have day and night?

The Earth is constantly spinning on an axis. This is an invisible line that goes straight through the Earth! As it spins, it orbits the Sun, which allows us to experience both day and night!

Key Vocabulary

Globe map longitude latitude degrees

prime meridian north pole south pole equator

earth orbit sun axis Greenwich mean time

hemisphere co-ordinates