

Primary 3 Newsletter

October - December 2020

Hello Primary 3. Second newsletter of the year already! Time is flying in. Thank you to parents and carers for all your wonderful support so far this year.



Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, P3 will be continuing with 'Mental Math' questions and 'Number Talk' lessons to practise mental strategies and fluency when using the four operations. This will encourage number discussion and use of correct mathematical language. In Numeracy, children will also be further developing their addition and subtraction strategies and reinforcing the work we did in Term 1 on place value of numbers. Children will have access to a variety of practical resources to help develop their understanding of number. In Maths, the children will focus on developing their understanding of money. The children will include all aspects of numeracy and maths in problem solving, including verbally explaining strategies they have used to each other. We will also be creating our own enterprise project.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will start by finishing off our Pirate Topic where we will be learning about pollution on the beaches and in the oceans. We will then be relating this to our local community and discussing how we can help the environment within our local area.

Our topic will then be focussed on 'Christmas around the World'. The children will be developing their ICT skills and using the internet to find information. They will be learning about different cultures such as Spain, France and Italy. There will be a focus on the French language and using French vocabulary. This will then link with RME where we will be investigating aspects of Christianity including how and where Christians worship and celebrate special occasions.

Literacy & English

Primary 3 will continue to follow the Active Literacy programme which has a strong spelling focus. Children will take part in a variety of activities to improve their understanding of sounds to help them with this and will receive new spelling words each fortnight.

In Writing there will be a focus on reports and narratives and children will be exploring the structure of these texts. We will also be writing winter themed poems as the term progresses. Reading groups will continue to be taken twice per week. Children will work with the teacher to discuss the book on these days. They will also have another book of their choice that they will read as well as our class novel. Please continue to support your child's reading by listening to them reading at home as much as possible. Children will have the opportunity to develop their reading comprehension skills, punctuation, spelling and grammar throughout literacy and will be encouraged to apply the skills they are learning to other areas.

Health & Wellbeing

The children will continue to take part in 2 hours of weekly physical education. The children will be working on their teamwork skills and applying their knowledge of directions, maps and co-ordinates to take part in orienteering activities.

They will also be developing their balance, co-ordination and creativity skills through dance which will be linked to our topic. Children will take part in outdoor PE sessions and should come dressed in PE kit on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Through the Jigsaw programme, children will be celebrating differences.

Additional Information

Clothing – Please ensure your child's name is written clearly on all items of clothing and belongings. Remember it is now getting colder so please make sure to wrap up warm with lots of layers. ☺

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office, email or your child's reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best Wishes,
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