

# Year 3 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - 2023

## Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Our World, Our Country' which is a geography based topic. We will be exploring the countries that make up the United Kingdom and the capital cities of each country. Following this we will explore key landforms including the hills, mountains, coasts and rivers of the UK, identifying how human and physical features within the UK have changed over time. We will have opportunity to explore Local Historical Folk Lore such as 'The Serpent of Sexhow', 'The Mermaids of Staithes and learn the tale of how Robin Hood's Bay came to be named.

## Reading and Homework

Children will have plentiful reading opportunities during English, Guided Reading and Reading Plus sessions. For home-readers, children are given 'Accelerated Reading Levels' that allow them to choose from a range of books, suitable for their reading age and ability. Year 3 pupils can choose their own books and change them when required. We would ask that you to support school at home, reading at least 3-4 times a week with your child and ensuring they complete their weekly homework. They will be bringing homework home each Friday and it is to be handed in by Wednesday the following week. This will be supplemented by the termly spelling sheet.



## Enriched Curriculum

In Art we will explore the work of two artists: Andy Goldsworthy and James Brunt who craft artwork out natural materials sourced in the local area. Children will have opportunity to develop natural artwork sourced from the local beach and woods. In Music all the learning is focused around one song: Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.

## Maths

We will continue to develop and secure your child's Mathematical skills, understanding and engagement through the deliverance of the White Rose Maths. This half term will be focusing Multiplication and Division. We will explore and develop written methods, including pictorial jottings such as arrays, grouping and sharing, repeating addition and subtraction. Following this, as children become more confident with multiplication, we will introduce formal 'Grid Method' to solve short multiplications with 2-digit numbers. We will continue to follow 'concrete, pictorial, abstract approach.

## English

As our topic this term is 'Our Country, Our World...' we will be linking our reading and writing focus to Local Folk Lore from the North York Moors and the works of Peter N. Walker. Children will explore and analyse the linguistic features and composition of different non-fiction and fiction styles of writing such as non-chronological reports and diary entries of a local legend.

## Science

This term, Year 3 children will continue to explore and analyse magnetic poles and consider why magnets attract and repel one another. We will look at push and pull forces, turn forces, friction and gravity. Following this we will begin to explore the concept of 'Light'. Identifying natural and man-made light sources, how light travels in straight lines through transparent, translucent and opaque surfaces and identify how shadows are formed. We will analyse the dangers effects of sunlight and how it can be dangerous for the eyes.

## P.E.

This term, Year 3 will have P.E. on a Tuesday. Your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit and wear suitable trainers on this day.



## R.E.

This term your child will return to the faith of Christianity and explore the concept of 'miracles' and consider the question; 'what do miracles tell us about who Jesus was?'. Children will learn about stories from the new testament of the Bible and how such events are considered to be a 'miracle. Year 3 will also have the opportunity to think about why holy books are important in religion.

## PSHE

This term our PSHE focus is: 'Goals and Dreams' whereby the children will explore concepts such as 'Difficult challenges and achieving success', 'Dreams and Ambitions', 'Motivation and Enthusiasm', 'Recognising and Overcoming Obstacles', 'Evaluating Learning Processes', 'Managing Feelings' and 'Simple Budgeting'. We will continue to use calming and connection techniques and reflection opportunities each lesson.

## Forest Schools.

On a Friday, Year 3 will be working with Mr Fishpool to complete Forest School sessions, whereby they will partake in activities to develop confidence, social skills, communication adeptness and more through interacting with nature. Weather permitting, all sessions will take place outdoors. Please ensure your child has suitable clothes for outdoor sessions in the winter months, i.e., appropriate coat and footwear.