

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2024



Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Island Life'. This is a geography-based topic looking at the contrasting localities of Crete and the North of England. The children will learn how the world is represented using maps and globes and will begin to understand the key vocabulary associated with this. We will look at the key geographical features of Greece and the UK and then compare the island of Crete with our own locality.

In art, the children will begin to paint in watercolours, learning watercolour techniques which they can then apply when producing their own watercolour sunset painting.

RE

This half term we invite you to our Easter play-The 'Three Trees'. In RE, the children will learn how Christians celebrate Easter.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. The children complete a Star Reader test each half term once they have mastered phonics. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their books. Children read their book in school each day and are expected to read at home each night for at least 20 minutes. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus and have a guided reading session with their teacher.



Science

Our science topic is Plants. The children will find out about the different parts of the plant, including the roles of the root, flowers and stem. They will learn about pollination and how seeds are dispersed to produce new plants.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In year 3, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings (once they have mastered phonics). These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. This half term we will continue to focus on multiplication and division tables. Please encourage your child to practise their tables using TT Rock Stars or Purple Mash. A range of exciting on-line learning environments can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 3 Share Point.

Maths

At Errington, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme. This programme supports a mastery approach to maths. This half term we will begin by learning about length and perimeter. The children will measure in mm, cm and m. They will add and subtract lengths, using these skills to calculate perimeters. We will then move onto fractions. The children will compare and order fractions and recognise equivalent fractions. Learning multiplication tables will remain a key focus. The children will practice their multiplication tables daily.

English

In English, we will be reading 'Maria's Island' by Victoria Hislop. The children will use this as a stimulus to write recount letters and create an advert to encourage people to visit Crete.

Computing

In Computing, the children will complete their multi-media presentations from last half term by adding animations and transitions to make their presentations attractive and interesting.

They will then begin a unit on spreadsheets. The children will learn how to use spreadsheets. They will format cells and calculate totals.



P.E.

Year 3 pupils will have PE on a Wednesday and will be doing gymnastics. We will also have a short PE session on a Monday. On these days, we ask that your child wears a school P.E kit.