

Year 3 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2024



Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Sweet Treats'. This is a Design Technology topic with a focus on food technology. The children will learn about healthy eating. They will begin by looking at The Eatwell Plate and how to sort the food we eat into food groups, using these to help when eating a balanced diet. We will then move onto finding where the fruit we eat comes from and design and make our own healthy fruit kebabs. Finally, the children will design and make their own chocolate bars based on Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

In art, the children will study the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, creating artwork based on his 'Fruit Face', including observational drawings, collage and mixed media.

RE

In RE, the children will look at Christianity and will learn about the Miracles of Jesus Christ.

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

In science, the children will continue work on the of 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 dispersed to produce new plants.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In year 3, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings. 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 continue our work on fractions. The children will compare and order fractions and recognise equivalent fractions. We will then move onto money: writing money as pounds and pence; adding and subtracting money and finding change, and finally statistics, where they will draw and interpret graphs and charts. Learning multiplication tables will remain a key focus. The children will practice their multiplication tables daily.

English

In English, we will be reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. The children will use this as a stimulus to write explanation texts explaining how chocolate is made and will produce adverts for a new type of chocolate bar.

Computing

In Computing, the children will begin to learn about spreadsheets. They will learn how to navigate around a spreadsheet and enter data into cells. We will learn how to create simple formulae to carry out calculations and how to create pie-charts and graphs from their data.



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. Year 3 will be swimming this half term during the weeks beginning the 22nd and 29th April.