



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

This term during PE the children will need a warm sweatshirt and joggers as they will be outside.

Please remember that reading books and records should be in school every day.

Key dates

Tuesday 2nd January - Start of Spring Term

Monday 15th January - INSET (school closed to pupils)

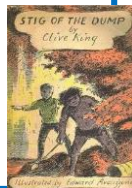
Friday 26th January - HLSA School Disco (details to follow)

Friday 2nd February – NSPCC number day

Friday 9th February – End of half term

Reading

This term's focus text is 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. This children's novel explores how a young boy named Barney encounters Stig – a caveman and how they quickly become friends. They learn to communicate without any language as Stig does not speak any English. The children will continue to track their reading as well as reading out loud sections from the book. The children will explore new vocabulary they come across; breaking words into syllables and discussing their meanings.

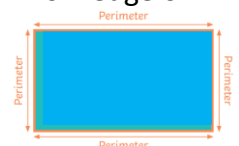


Writing

This term's writing will focus on writing a discussion texts and creating a story full of suspense. The children will be learning how to write different types of sentences to enhance our writing. They will develop the range of conjunctions that they will be using within their writing. They will also make sure that they have chosen powerful words, that really enhance the type of writing that the class are working on. As well as this, the children will continue to practise their spellings and handwriting.

Maths

This term, in maths, the children will be completing their unit on multiplication and division by multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. The next unit is on length and perimeter, where the children will measure using different scales (millimetres, centimetres, and metres). The children will also apply their knowledge of multiplication to work out the perimeter of simple shapes.



Science

This term in science the children's unit of study will focus on looking at forces and magnets. They will be investigating how objects move on different surfaces. The children will also be researching which materials are magnetic and which are not through identification and classification.



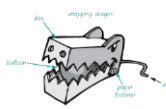
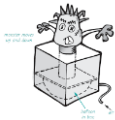
Geography

In geography this term the children will begin by locating the continents and oceans of the world as well as identifying the different climate zones. They will then go on to focus on Africa. After understanding Africa's location, the children will explore its physical and human geography. Finally, they will look at Ethiopia in particular detail, a country that we have discussed this half term in reading.



DT

This half term the children will be learning about mechanical systems, in particular how pneumatic toys work. They will be researching, designing, making and evaluating our own products through the design process. The children will learn how to use a variety of tools and equipment to create a functional, appealing product.



PE

In PE this term the children will be developing their badminton skills. This includes a focus on grip, in order to perform backhand and forehand shots. The children will also learn about Chris Addock, who won many gold medals during previous Commonwealth games. Towards the end of term, the children will be applying their shot making techniques to matches.



Computing

This half term the children will start learning about what a network is and the different services they provide, such as the world wide web. The children are also going to look at how different devices are useful, such as playing games, writing, drawing or taking photos. Finally, they will learn how computers are connected and how our school network is pieced together.



PSHE

What are different families like is the topic in PSHE this half term. The children will begin by looking at similarities and differences within families before moving on to feeling safe at home and what to do if you feel unsafe. Towards the end of the half term, they will look at the word 'confidential' what it means and examples of times when it is good to keep a secret and when secrets can be broken.



French

This term, the children will begin their weekly French lessons. They will start off by being introduced to French and look at where it is spoken across the world. The children will learn a about the geography and culture of France, including where it lies on a map and the tricolore. They will then learn greetings, the numbers from 1-10 and the colours before moving onto looking at adjectives.



Homework

Homework will continue as the same as it currently is.

Spellings – given out on a Tuesday, to be handed in by the following Monday.

Maths - given out on a Tuesday, to be handed in by the following Monday.

Reading – at least five times a week. Please remember to sign your reading record. We will be checking these on a Friday.