

Year 3 Newsletter : Summer 2 2022

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. We are already on the final stretch of Year 3 and it is nearly time to make the transition to Year 4. This half term will be crucial as we will still be learning new skills and knowledge across all subjects, whilst deepening and consolidating prior skills and knowledge learned this year. We cannot wait to end the year on a high with some fun, amazing work with the children in our topics. If you have any queries or concerns at any point, please contact the school office to make a telephone appointment.

Mr. Groves, Mrs Marlow and Miss Wilkes

Thematic Learning

After spending a week completing our fabulous thematic work covering Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, we shall focus our attention on another wonderful celebration - The Commonwealth Games which takes place this summer in Birmingham.

In history we shall look at the history and origins of the Commonwealth and the Commonwealth Games.

Our geography work will focus on identifying those countries that form the Commonwealth and will plot their location and the journey of the Queen's Commonwealth baton relay on maps. We will also look at what makes Birmingham so special and the locations that have been chosen as Commonwealth Games venues.

Our art work will involve designing our own Commonwealth pictograms to represent each of the sports that will be part of the Commonwealth Games and our design work will involve creating our own unique Commonwealth batons.

This is a special opportunity to study a unique event that will form part of our local history in years to come.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day

Monday 4th July - Transition Week

Thursday 14th July - Parents Evening

Thursday 21st July - School Ends. Summer holidays begin.

Science

Our Science focus for this half term is 'Forces and Magnets.'

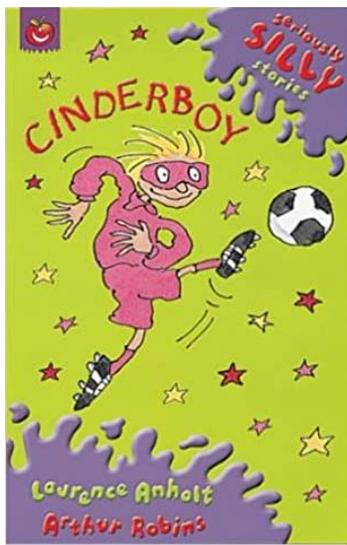
We will be exploring and investigating different forces that occur daily and how they impact movement. We will link this to different materials and how these forces act upon them. Finally, we will look at how magnets work and understanding the different poles; using scientific language to describe our results.

P.E

P.E kits should be in school on **Monday** and taken home on **Fridays** to be washed.

All children are required to wear a white t-shirt, dark coloured bottoms and suitable P.E. footwear and this should be in school at all times.

Children may be asked to complete P.E. lessons at any time.



Literacy

Our Literacy work for this half term is based around the text 'Cinderboy.'

This is such an exciting book that will provide us with plenty of learning opportunities. We will be looking to consolidate all of our learning from across this year and prior in longer pieces of narrative writing. We will be expecting to see the correct use of speech marks, all punctuation marks taught to this stage, spellings mostly correct and conjunctions and subordination in order for children to reach age-related expectations. This is important for Year 3 and we are looking to extend our writing and take it to the next level, preparing for Year 4.

Numeracy

We will be covering new learning this half term focusing on fractions, and consolidating our skills and deepening our understanding of skills and knowledge learned throughout Year 3. Our fractions knowledge will stretch to adding and subtracting fractions, comparing and ordering fractions with the same denominator and then solving fraction problems, by applying our learning from this year. We will also consolidate telling the time, geometry and statistics, measures and solving more complex problems to apply our multiplication and division skills.

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning on time.

Homework

In Year 3, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 20-30 minutes per night) We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favorite books, stories, poems etc with your child. Reading books will also be sent home from school & your child will have the opportunity to borrow a free choice book from our school library.

Your child will also have a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book **once a week** when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school.
Thanks.

Individual spellings will also be sent home weekly. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then use the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences.

Your child will also receive a Thematic Homework Challenge this week. This piece has been designed to encourage collaborative work between children and their parents. It can be handed in at any point during the half term and should reflect children's learning in school.

Homework will be set on a Friday and the deadline for completion will be Wednesday a.m - this way children will be able to speak to their teachers on Monday or Tuesday if there is anything that they don't understand. We also use Google Classroom for homework too and the children are always made aware if any homework is set on this platform.