

Year 3 Newsletter : Spring 1 2023

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. We hope that you have enjoyed the festivities over the Christmas break and are excited for another half term of fantastic learning.

As staff, we have thoroughly enjoyed the first term with the class and the children have worked incredibly hard to produce some fantastic work however it is so important that children continue to complete the daily five minutes (or more) of TTRockstars at home and read regularly to an adult. Year 3 are also failing to make much progress in the whole school Attendance Race. Please help your child be part of some amazing class prizes by instilling good attitudes to learning and insisting on the importance of daily attendance in school

If you have any queries or concerns at any point, please contact the school office to make a telephone appointment.

Mr Groves, Miss Snowball and Miss Jones

Thematic Learning

Our Thematic Topic this half term is 'What can I learn about the history of China?'

We will be locating key Chinese cities on maps and creating a comprehensive fact file sharing the key physical and human geographical features of key cities. Children will also look at The Seven Wonders of the Modern World, one of which is located in China.

We will delve into the history of China, focusing on the rise and fall of the Shang Dynasty. Key figures from this period will be investigated too, to see how they contributed to the history of China. Children will also look at how China as a communist country is different to the UK as a democratic state.

Science

Our new Science topic for the coming half-term is 'Light.'

The topic of 'Light' will support the children to understand the scientific difference between light and dark. Children will also learn how light travels and how we can use light to create shadows. In addition, children will also explore ways in which we can protect ourselves from light sources.

We will be conducting investigations to see how light reflects on different surfaces and to realise how shadows are made.

Dates for your diary



P.E

Please remember that there is a requirement that your child wears a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and appropriate footwear for P.E.

P.E kits should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed



Literacy

Our Literacy work for this half term is based around a short film called Dragon Slayer. We will be exploring the genre of myths and legends, describing characters and settings before retelling the legend.

Children will continue to receive spellings to complete each week. These must be completed independently so that children can use these words accurately in their written work. In SPaG work we will be learning how and when to use speech punctuation and how to use a range of conjunctions to expand our sentences.

Numeracy

This half term will cover a range of mathematical areas and also revisit previous areas from this year. We are focused on 'deepening' the learning of children and revisiting areas will help build children's confidence and understanding.

Addition and subtraction will be revisited and deepened further this half term, focusing on crossing over any extra tens/hundreds and decomposition when subtracting (having to 'take' from the next column). We will be making links to money using money in real-life scenarios. In addition, we will also be extending our knowledge of fractions, statistics and measures (mass).

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

LET'S MOVE FORWARD IN THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RACE AND WIN OUR FIRST CLASS PRIZE!

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. Online contact will only be made with Mr Groves, Miss Snowball or Miss Jones.