

Year 3 Newsletter : Spring 2 2023

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a fun-filled half term break? It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the year but we still have three half terms left to fill to the brim with learning. Thank you so much for your support and attendance at our class assembly at the end of term - we hope you enjoyed it as much as the children enjoyed performing for you?

We would like to take this opportunity to call on all parents to help support us in raising overall attendance in Year 3. Unfortunately, as a class we are not making satisfactory movements on the whole school attendance race board due to so many days of missed learning. Please can you support us and your child by ensuring that they are in school every day. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any matters with us, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with any of the Year 3 team.
Mr Groves, Miss Snowball & Miss Jones

Thematic Learning

Our Thematic Topic this half term is 'How did the Romans change Britain?' and this week sees our first class trip of the year and we know that it is going to be a memorable experience for all.

Throughout the topic, we will explore Roman invasions and the impact that the Romans still have on the UK today. Children will also look at traditional Roman towns and cities and compare them to the towns and cities of today.

We will also investigate and find out about key figures in the Roman era and how they impacted on the Roman Empire such as Boudica and Julius Caesar.

Please support your child by ensuring that their half termly thematic homework challenge is completed at some point over the next 5 weeks.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd March - Trip to Bosworth
Battlefield
Friday 3rd March - World Book Day
Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day
Thursday 23rd March - Parents'
Consultation Evening
Friday 31st March - End of Term

Science

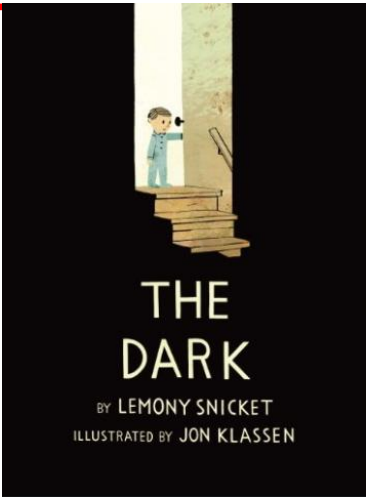
This half term focuses on the topic of 'Plants.' By the end of the topic, children will have learned various facts and information about plants; from understanding foods we eat from plants and the requirements for plants to grow healthily. We will also investigate how water is transported through plants.

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 need alternative PE footwear in school every day in order to use the Trim Trail equipment.



Literacy

Our Literacy work for this half term is based around a text called 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.

We will unpick the text and use our inference skills to gain an understanding of the main character, the choices that he makes, why he makes them and how, as the reader we can tell. We will write in a variety of genres such as 1st person recounts as the main character, a narrative retell of the story from an alternative viewpoint and writing a letter of advice from the main character to a reader.

Our SPaG work will continue to investigate suffixes and prefixes, subordination in our sentence structures and the use of inverted commas to mark speech in our writing

Numeracy

This half term will cover a range of mathematical areas and also recap previously taught areas of learning such as multiplication and division. These areas will be developed further to give children the opportunity to improve their fluency of using and applying different methods to work out answers. We will also be recapping time and introducing durations of time to complete activities in seconds and minutes. Children will also work with comparing, adding and subtracting a range of measures and also identifying horizontal and vertical lines, and right angles in shapes.

It is so important that children continue to practise their times tables. TTRockstars is part of our weekly homework, with children expected to complete at least 5 minutes from Monday to Friday.

Children must be able to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables which is vital learning from Year 2. Using TTRockstars can support their recall of these facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables too

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. Online work will be set and marked by Mr Groves who is the only person that your child will interact with when working online.