

Year 3 Newsletter : Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back and welcome to Year 3, we hope that you are all safe, well and ready to enjoy your learning in your new year group. We understand that you may feel excited yet apprehensive about returning to school but myself and Mrs Parkin are here to listen, support and work as a team with you to make our year as enjoyable as possible. Autumn term is a busy time where lots of new learning takes place and we will work hard to ensure that learning is as fun as possible to relax children into their new environment.

If you have any queries or concerns throughout the year please do not hesitate to make an appointment by speaking to the school office.

Mr. Groves (Teacher) and Mrs Parkin (Teaching Assistant)

Our Thematic Topic this half term is 'What are the World's Waterways?' This topic is based around rivers and canals and is focused predominantly around Geography skills.

As this topic is Geography focused, we will be completing map work, looking at how to keep safe near water, investigating and widening our knowledge of famous rivers of the world and famous figures in the world of rivers and canals.

We will also investigate how flooding occurs and the affect it has on people and businesses.

We will be using technology for map work, research skills and for creating fascinating pieces of work.

Still linked with rivers and canals, we will be travelling back in time to study the purposes of rivers and canals in historical periods and just how important they were for everyday life back then.

In Science, we will be learning about rocks. We will look at the different types of natural and man-made rocks and sort these into groups. We will also look at fossils and how these all help to make soil. This will lead towards an investigation into different rocks and soils at the end of the half term.

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th September - Trip to Llandudno.

Wednesday 20th September - Library van.

Wednesday 11th October - Library van.

Wednesday 18th October - Harvest assembly

Thursday 19th October - Year 3 trip **(more information to follow).**

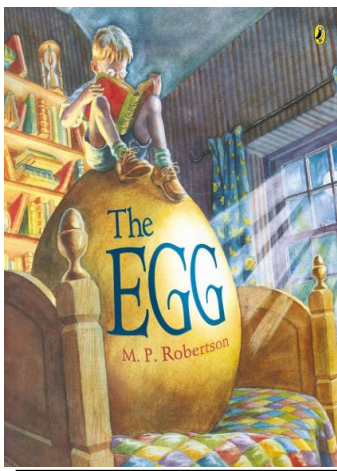
Friday 27th October - Year 3 class assembly.



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

This half term, Year 3 will be looking at a book by M.P. Robertson called 'The Egg'. The children will be exploring the character in the book, particularly their thoughts and feelings in different scenarios. We will be learning and developing our reading skills through carefully selecting information to make informed predictions. We will also use clues from the text to make inferences about the character's thoughts and feelings. We will be writing character and setting descriptions and letters. In addition, we will be making links with PSHE when understanding decisions and relationships between characters.

Numeracy

By the end of Year 3, all children should be able to recall multiplication & division facts for their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 and 6 times tables. This will be a daily focus throughout the year, which you can support your child with at home. In class, we will be strengthening and developing children's understanding of number and place value with larger numbers, adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers using a range of written methods, understanding statistics presented in different formats, the properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as drawing and creating these, and finally introducing reading analogue clocks; reading these to the nearest minute.

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 every Friday. 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. They will be tested every Wednesday.

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.

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. Work on Purple Mash and Google Classroom will be marked by Mr Groves and/or Mrs Parkin.