

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Welcome back to school, I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break. Our class newsletters and homework grids are available on the school website. Follow us on Twitter to see what exciting things we get up to! @CCCRprimary

English

In English this term, our work will focus on Greek Mythology during Spring 1 before studying Alice in Wonderland in Spring 2.

During our work on Greek Mythology, we will look carefully at Theseus and the Minotaur. We will explore the character of Theseus and write a description about the Minotaur. We will then come up with our own characters to include in our very own Greek Myth. Throughout the topic we will work on improving our skills when writing dialogue and extending our sentences with subordinating conjunctions.

In Spring 2, we will look at an adapted version of Alice in Wonderland by Emma Chichester Clark.



The children will write and perform their own shape poems. We will try our hand at the classic game croquet before writing instructions for how to play. Finally, we will retell the story of Alice in Wonderland from Alice's perspective.

Our class novel for this term is: The Boy Who Biked the World: Riding the Americas by Alastair Humphreys.

How to help your child in English

Read with your child every night and ask them questions about what they have read.

Help them learn the year 3 spelling words. An updated copy of these will be sent home with your child. The words that they already know

how to spell have been highlighted. You can also encourage your child to use Spelling Frame three times per week. They will be set a new spelling rule to practise each week.

Maths

In maths, we are going to build on our learning of new written methods from the Autumn term. We will revisit written addition, subtraction and grid method multiplication to fine tune these skills before applying what we know to solve trickier reasoning problems.

During Spring 1, there will be a focus on fractions and division. We will learn to recognise and count in tenths,



identify equivalent fractions and compare and order fractions with the same denominator. Later in the term, we will investigate volume, capacity and mass.

We will apply what we have learnt about multiplication, addition and subtraction to interpret statistical data in the form of pictograms and bar graphs.

How to help your child in Maths

Please practise times tables regularly with your child and help them to learn their 8 x table in particular. Allow them to play on TT Rockstars for plenty of short intervals. Little and often will have the greatest impact.

4x

8x

Geography

In Geography, we will take a journey through North America. Throughout our journey, we will learn about the different countries in North America, latitude and longitude, time zones and weather patterns.



Science

Our science topic is Forces and Magnets.

We will be finding out what forces are, identifying the different types of forces and investigating which surface is best to race a car on.

We will then move on to exploring magnets as a non-contact force. We will learn how a magnet works, identify different magnetic materials and investigate which magnet is the strongest.



Computing

In computing, we will learn how to make a short movie during Spring 1. In Spring 2, we will continue to improve our coding skills using a programme called Turtle Academy.

Art & DT

In art, we will look at the work of Vincent Van Gogh. We will learn about the artist's life and will practise our drawing skills by sketching sunflowers in detail. We will experiment with warm and cool colours, and learn how to create texture in our paintings before producing our own piece of Van Gogh inspired art work.



In Spring 2, we will design and make a magnetic game to suit a design brief. This will bring together both our learning in science and our design technology skills.

RE

In R.E, we will be learning more about Jesus, the man who changed lives. We will explore the sadness and joy of the Easter story.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will look at both emotional and economic well-being. We will learn ways that we can care for the environment and how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

General Notices

- Mrs Pope-Jones will continue to teach the class on a Wednesday. Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Tuesday afternoon.
- PE for this half term will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor PE kit is in school every day. This should include trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a jumper or hoodie. Earrings must be removed or covered with surgical tape if they cannot yet be removed.
- If you have any questions or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child please don't hesitate to speak to us or send us a message on Class Dojo. Class Dojo is monitored during school hours and between teaching therefore if your query is urgent please contact the school office.

Mrs Preston, Mrs Pope-Jones & Mrs Taylor