



Class 3 - Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you are all well and had an amazing summer and were able to make the most of all of the amazing weather we have had. I look forward to hearing all about the different activities you all got up to. Ms Beasley, Mrs Bennett and I are very much ready and rearing to go for the next fun filled term.

We are also very excited to welcome Oscar to Class 3, he will be working in the Class 3 Monday to Thursday and in Class 1 on a Friday.

Maths - The first half of this term will focus on both year groups recapping their knowledge and understanding of **Place Value**. This is an extremely important topic and will be the cornerstone of all the rest of the learning we will be covering throughout the year. Both year groups will be working with increasingly large numbers. The year 5's will be working with numbers up to 1 million, whilst the year 6's will be working with numbers up to 10 million. As we progress through this topic, the class will move onto looking and gaining a greater insight to the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Literacy - We will be starting the first couple of weeks in literacy learning and recapping all of the basics of the subject including - capital letters, punctuation and most importantly the structure of sentences and how to successfully write a variation of these sentences. Afterwards, we will be looking at the text **Lights on Cotton Rock**. Alongside this we will be having dedicated spelling and guided reading lessons. These will be split into year groups with one year doing reading, with myself whilst the others will be doing spelling with Mrs Bennett.

Science - During this term, in science we will be looking at and researching **electricity**. This topic will build upon the knowledge they have learnt in Class 2. This topic will allow us to plan, prepare, carry out and evaluate different experiments involving electricity. By the end of the topic children will be doing this independently and creating their own investigation.

In **Design and Technology**, the children will be using their new knowledge of electricity to make electric quiz boards. These board games will be made using different skills and techniques to make an electronic quiz which will light up when you got the correct answer to the question.

In **Art**, we will be looking at **North Devon's wildlife**. This topic will give us the chance to look in depth at observational drawings, different sketching techniques and other pencil skills. We will also be looking at colour and creating different shades of colour to create a piece of artwork based on 'Shades of Devon'.

In **Geography**, we will be learning how to use atlases, ordnance survey maps and electronic maps correctly. All pupils by the end will be able to identify the different symbols used in ordnance survey maps, calculate the distance between places, use grid references and compasses to complete routes.

In **History**, we will be looking at the Non-European society of the **Ancient Mayans**, this topic will give us chance to compare the differences between British history of the same periods. We will also be looking at how this society lived and conducted themselves and how the civilisation fell. Throughout this whole topic we will also be looking at how sources can be useful as well as being unhelpful at times when researching the topic.

In **Computing**, pupils will be learning about the history of computers and the importance of **Bletchley Park** in the Second World War as well as in the development of computers. Throughout this topic we are going to be looking at the importance of strong passwords, coding and internet safety.

PSHE - This will be taught by Mrs Reeves on a Thursday afternoon. During the term they will be focussing on two big questions being **How can I support my mind and body as I grow?** and **How can we make a difference in our communities and beyond?**

In **RE**, we will be recapping our understanding of **Christianity**. In these lessons, we will be focussing on how Christians view Jesus. We will also be looking at how they view the earth was created and compare it to the belief of science and whether the beliefs are conflicting or complimentary.

In **French**, pupils will be looking at and recapping their understanding of telling the time in French. By the end of the topic children will be able to read, write and speak the time in French.

PE will continue being taught by Mrs Wilson every morning - Monday to Thursday - to each year group whilst the other half are in maths. Please can we ensure children are bringing a spare pair of socks so they can change into them if needed. We will also continue having '**Workout Wednesday**' so children need to wear their PE kit then.

Forest School - Forest School will be continued to be taught by Mrs Craxton. Forest School for Class 3 will be now taking place on **Monday afternoons**. Year 6 will be having forest school for the first half of the term with the year 5's having it from half term to Christmas.

If you have any questions or queries about your child throughout the term please do not hesitate to contact me via dojo or catch me on the gate. I will always more than happy to help.

All the very best

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Stevens', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Mr Luke Stevens