

Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

Curriculum

Our History topic for the first half term is a Local History Study of Plumstead where we will be discovering how the buildings in Plumstead have changed since the Victorian Times. This will also give us the opportunity to find out what life was like in this era. Next half term we will be looking at the human geography within our local area using maps, atlases and globes to describe the local features.

English

In English the children will be using a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts to stimulate their writing. Some of the texts will include 'The Tin Forest' and 'Iron Man'.

Children will maintain reading through regular independent and guided sessions which can be fully supported with daily reading at home. We encourage children to read with an adult at home at least three times a week.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to follow the 'Inspire Maths' programme, building on the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach, ensuring a deeper understanding of all mathematical concepts (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division). Rapid recall of times tables is very important, please continue to practice times tables regularly, using TT Rock Stars to support this.

Science

Our science topic this half term is 'Light' where the children will be learning about different light sources, how we see objects using light and how shadows are formed. Next half term we will move onto learning about 'Forces and Magnets'.

Other areas

In Music, we will be continuing following the Charanga scheme, learning about a repertoire of songs.

This term, within RE, we will be exploring Buddhism through looking at their beliefs and places of worship.

In Computing the children will be learning how to compose, send (with attachments) and receive emails.

Outdoor PE will be every other Thursday, for which the children will need suitable footwear. Indoor PE will be every other Friday.

Spellings will continue to be sent home at the beginning of each half term and tested at the end of the half term. The homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of each half term with a range of different activities for your child to complete if they so wish.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to a successful term. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

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