Class 3 News - November 2018

I hope you all had a nice half term break. For the first four weeks of this half term, we have a PGCE student from Durham University working with us, Miss Galley. She has made an excellent start and fits in very well with our team already.

What we will be learning this half term:

English – in our English lessons, we will be researching Ancient Greece and designing and making a fact book. We will also look at Greece now and compare it to the past. We will look at holiday brochures and design and make our own brochure, using persuasive language to encourage people to visit. We will be using our trip to Bowes museum as a stimulus for writing as well.

Maths – this term we are looking at tenths and how they relate to decimals. We will then be looking at adding and subtracting fractions. Later in the term we will be looking at real life maths with a focus on adding amounts of money. We will also be looking at telling the time and solving problems linked to this. Time is often a concept the children can find difficult. If you could support at home by asking them to tell the time at various points on both digital and analogue clocks, it will really support the work we do in school.

History - we will be continuing to look at life in Ancient Greece.

Geography - we will be learning all about the continent of Europe. We will be using maps to help us. Our case study will be on the capital of Greece: Athens.

Art - we will be looking at Ancient Greek pots to inspire our art this term. We will be exploring patterns, Greek figures and the colours used. As part of our trip to Bowes Museum on Tuesday 20th November, we will be designing and making our own Greek pot using clay.

PE - swimming continues to run every Monday morning, so please continue to provide swimming kit on Mondays. On Tuesdays, we will be learning to play a game called 'Three Touch Ball' and developing our aiming, throwing and catching skills. This game is linked to netball. Please write a note in your child's school diary or contact the school office if there are any circumstances where they need to miss PE or swimming.

Music – class 3 are doing extremely well learning how to play the recorder with Mrs Coulls. I am always so proud to see the progress they make in these lessons.

Miss Jewett will continue to teach RE and science this term. In RE, Class 3 will be looking at why Christians call Jesus the light of the world. In Science, Class 3 will be exploring states of matter. Miss Forth will continue to teach Spanish. The topic is where I live.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and due to be handed in the following Wednesday. This gives the children the opportunity to ask for help on a Monday or Tuesday should they need it. I will be starting a weekly spelling test so the spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Reading

Just to remind you of the system I have put into place for reading books: The books get changed on a Monday so it is ideal if your child has read at the weekend so a new book can be issued. I change the books again on a Thursday, so again, it would be ideal if the book was ready to be changed at this point. It is so helpful when parents write the page number you have read up to, and write if the book is finished, so thank you to those of you who do that. I understand family life is busy and understand the pressures of getting everything done but this system would mean your child is reading two books per week which would really enhance their reading skills. A few pages per night would be excellent. I ask that books are brought into school every day as there may be an opportunity to read with some of our volunteers. If your child has read with an adult in school, they will mark it in their diaries. If you write a note in the diary, please ask your child to bring it to me as I don't have the time to check everyone's diary every day.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Kind regards,

Miss Dodds