



## Class 3 News - April 2019

Welcome back. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

What we are learning this term:

**English** - I have chosen to base our English work around the book Mr. Stink by David Walliams. We will be writing diary entries, stories and newspaper reports linked to the novel. The novel explores the themes of bullying and homelessness which will be good talking points in PSHCE. If you have a copy of the book at home, it would be great if your child could bring it to school (with their name written inside) so they can read along as I read the story out to the class.

Over the Easter holidays, I issued the first set of ten words from the year 3/4 spelling list cited in the National Curriculum. We are going to work hard over the summer term to be able to read and spell all of the words on the list. Weekly spelling tests will start again on a Friday.

**Maths** - In maths we are looking at the place value of numbers up to 1000 and 10,000. We are then revisiting calculation strategies and problem solving. We will end the half term looking at fractions and how to order them. We are still working hard to secure times tables and I really appreciate your support at home. We use a programme called TTRockstars which can be accessed at home too. Our school is currently 10<sup>th</sup> in the area for how quickly the children answer the questions! Please let me know if you need a copy of your child's login.

**History** - This term our history topic is learning about mining in our area. We will be learning about the jobs of miners and looking at when local pits opened and closed.

**DT** - We will be exploring different food groups and learning how to translate these into healthy, balanced sandwiches. We will be tasting and testing a variety of sandwich fillings and types of bread. We will then design, make, eat and evaluate our own healthy sandwich snacks and have a picnic in the last week of term.

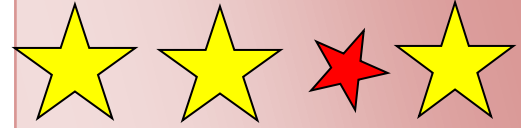
**PE** - Swimming continues to run every Monday morning. Our additional PE lesson is on a Friday where we will be completing football with a coach. Please write a note in your child's school diary or contact the school office if there are any circumstances where they need to miss PE or swimming. Please can jewellery be removed and long hair tied back on these days.

**ICT** - We will be using search engines and looking at how to stay safe online. We will be using the computer program Scratch to write computer code in order to make patterns.

**Music** - Class 3 are continuing to learn how to play the recorder with Mrs Coulls.

**Spanish** - Miss Forth will continue to teach the children Spanish. I am so impressed with how much progress the children are making in Spanish.

**Science and RE** - Miss Jewett will continue to teach science and RE this term. The science topic is Living Things and their Habitats. In RE the children will be looking at the Jewish faith and learning about Jewish worship.



### Reading

Now the children are older, I will support them in changing their books themselves on a Monday and Thursday. Please can you put a note or signature in their diaries to let me know if they are ready for a new book.

### Times Table Screening

In 2020, the government are introducing a times tables screening test for year 4 children. It will involve the children answering quick fire times table questions online. We are taking part in the trial in June with our current year 4. Further information will follow. Practising online with games such as TTRockstars and Hit The Button will be useful in preparing them for the random nature of the questions and prepare them to answer at a fast pace.

### Outdoor and Adventure

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May we will be going to Hardwick Park to take part in an outdoor and adventurous activity morning. On that day, the children will need to come to school in their PE kits. I will send a reminder closer to the time.

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