



Class 3 News - June 2019

I can't believe it is the final half term of the academic year. It has gone so quickly! We have a very busy and exciting term ahead.

What we are learning this term:

English - The children are really enjoying our class novel, Mr. Stink. I have been so proud to see their engagement and interest and how it has inspired them to want to read. This term we are converting a funny chapter to a play script, then acting the plays out in class. Once we have finished reading the novel, we will watch the film and make comparisons between the two. We are continuing to work hard with our spellings, handwriting and grammar and punctuation objectives.

Maths - In maths this term we are looking at fractions and decimals and how to convert between the two. We will be learning how to compare and order decimal numbers up to two decimal places. We are learning to find the area and perimeter of shapes and ending the term with another unit on telling the time using the 24hour clock. Learning to tell the time is a tricky concept for children, which they don't all understand at the same pace. I find that within a class some are very confident, while others are really unsure. It would help so much if you could find the time to practise analogue and digital time as often as possible at home, so that when we come to complete the work in class, the children have a good foundation for the learning due to already being familiar with time.

History and Geography - Our topics interlink this half term and we are looking at the mining heritage of the North East of England. We will be looking for evidence of the colliery in Byers Green on a village walk and learning what it was like here in the past. We will showcase all of our learning in a class assembly on Thursday 20th June at 9:15.

Art - Our art topic is centred around printing using ink. We will use polystyrene blocks to make a tile depicting a scene from Byers Green Colliery and use ink to make the impression on paper.

PE - PE days are Mondays and Fridays. On a Monday we will be looking at the skills associated with tennis and playing some matches against each other. We may even have our own mini Wimbledon competition! Our football coach, Rich, offered to continue our coaching for another five weeks so we will be continuing football on a Friday. The sessions are extremely high quality and the children are developing a lot of knowledge and skills.

ICT - The children are really enjoying learning how to code using the program 'Scratch'. There is a free online version where the children can develop their skills even further. The website is <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

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.

Science and RE - Miss Jewett will continue to teach science and RE this term.



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

Year 4 will be taking part in an online trial of the 2020 Times Table assessment. This is nothing to be concerned about and is simply to give them, and us, a chance to see the expectations of the test.

Binchester Roman Fort

We have organised a visit to Binchester Roman Fort on Tuesday 9th July. The children will meet the archaeologists, take part in a mini excavation and make a clay pot. Further details will follow.

Thrills and Skills

We will be taking part in an activity day at Thrills and Skills where we will be completing team-building challenges. This is on 10th July. Further details will follow.

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