



Class 3 News - November 2019

Welcome back. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

English: This term we will be looking at non-fiction writing centred around Stone Age sites in the UK. We will be learning about archaeological findings and writing persuasive brochures to encourage our readers to visit the sites. We will also be writing news reports about the findings of Skara Brae in Scotland and acting out a news bulletin where the children will present their information as if they are news readers. Towards the end of the term we will be looking at winter poetry and narrative poetry with a Christmas theme.

Maths: We are starting the term looking at fractions and how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. We are then looking at the real life maths concepts of money and time. Towards the end of term we will be looking at shape and space and position and direction.

In September 2019, a new statutory assessment of times tables facts was introduced. In June 2020, pupils in Year 4 will be expected to complete an online test, where they must answer random times table facts in less than six seconds. We aim to prepare the children the best we can, so we hope to have a one-to-one session for each child with a Teaching Assistant on a Monday afternoon where they can practise chanting and answering times table facts. A slip will be sent home to say which times table your child needs to focus on next.

DT: We are looking at the mechanisms involved in moving and 'pop-up' books and recreating them. Each child will create a page for a class book about a theme of their choice.

Science: The topic to be studied this half term is Forces and Magnets where the children will complete lots of investigation work to help understand these concepts.

Geography: We will be following the line of enquiry of: Is the UK the same everywhere? The focus will be on physical geography, looking at hills, coasts, rivers, farms, industry and population.

RE: The children will be studying how and why advent is important to Christians.

Spanish: The children will be looking at the location of Spain and learning the Spanish words and phrases for classroom objects and subjects.

Music: We will be continuing to learn to play the recorder this year with Mrs Coulls, our music specialist from the Durham Music Service.

PE: Swimming at Woodhouse Close has been going extremely well and the swimming teacher has been delighted with the progress the children have made in just one half term. It is a pleasure to watch them progressing and gaining confidence in the water. Our swimming day remains as a Tuesday at Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre. Mrs Hargreaves and Mrs Dodd accompany the children in the water and offer support to anyone who is nervous or unsure. Your child will need a swimming costume/trunks, towel and swimming hat. Goggles are optional. Swimming hats are available to buy at the leisure centre. We have a limited supply of goggles and hats which can be borrowed if your child forgets anything.

This term PE is on a Friday and we are looking at a programme of study called 'End Zone' which is centred around hockey. Please ensure that your child has his / her PE kit on the allocated day. Some of our lessons may be outside so your child will need navy joggers and a navy jumper/ white T shirt. Please can long hair be tied back and all jewellery removed on PE and swimming days?

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.



Homework and Spelling

Homework is set on a Tuesday and due to be handed in the following Monday. Packs won't be sent out every night, so please send the homework book back in the polythene bag, once the homework is complete.

Weekly spellings will be sent out on a Tuesday as part of your child's homework. We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their weekly spellings at home. Your child will be tested on a Monday then new words organised and issued on a Tuesday.

Reading

Just to remind you that reading books will be changed twice a week. They will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday after school so on these nights, your child won't have a reading book. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch. If a book is handed in late, we will try our best to change it throughout the day but can't always guarantee this can happen.

Upcoming events

UK Parliament week - we will be holding a parliament style debate in our PSHCE lesson.

Antibullying week - We will be launching our positive class shout outs.

Children in Need - we will be having a non-uniform and wear odd socks day on Friday 15th November.

Rehearsals for the Christmas show will be starting very soon.

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



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<p>Homework due in</p> <p>Reading diaries due in (Books will be held overnight and changed after school)</p> <p>Weekly spelling test</p> <p>Times Tables one to one session</p>	<p>Swimming</p> <p>Opportunity to read aloud to a volunteer</p> <p>Homework and new reading books and diaries sent home</p>	<p>Opportunity to read aloud to a volunteer</p>	<p>Reading diaries due in (Books will be held overnight and changed after school)</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>Book Club</p> <p>Reading books and diaries sent home</p>