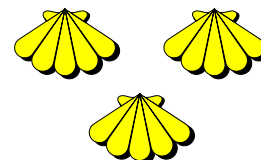


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Spring Newsletter 2019

Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In English, we will be working in blocks to develop our skills in writing recounts, alternative fairy tales, non-chronological reports and poetry. The children will all be reading and discussing our class text, 'Stig of the Dump' during whole class reading sessions. We will continue to develop our 'ERIC' reading skills, namely explain, retrieve, interpret and discuss the author's choice of language. There will be weekly handwriting and spelling lessons focusing on spelling rules and the Year 3 Statutory spelling list. The current spelling rule will be explained in the weekly homework. The children are making great progress with their Year 3 spelling list so please continue to practise these at home as much as possible. On the 1st February we will be going to the Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College, more details to follow.

In Maths we will be continuing to improve our knowledge of written methods of all four operations, with a specific focus on multiplication and division, and to apply those skills in solving real life problems. We will be extending our knowledge of shape and statistics. We will learn about fractions and how to calculate a fraction of an amount. Children will continue to have weekly times tables tests on Thursday so please keep practising at home.

In Science we will be learning about healthy diets and different food groups. The children will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and the impact on our health. They will learn about the function of different nutrients and in which foods we can find certain nutrients. Further to human diets the children will also learn about animal diets. Children will also classify animals as omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. Children will learn about muscles and skeletons of different mammals and how they move. We will also have an opportunity to visit the Science dome in school on March 14th.

In History the children will explore the key features of a typical Roman town, villas as well as families living in the town. They will look at the developments that were made during the period and discuss together which made the biggest impact on the standard of living. Children will take part in a 'Roman Day' to gain a hands on experience of how the Romans lived.



In Geography we will learn about human and physical geographical aspects of the UK. We will use maps and atlases to locate different towns and study the different features.

Art will be based on different interpretations of the sea. We will be studying art work from the artist Georgia O' Keefe. Children will use oil pastels and mosaics to explore different images and patterns of the sea.

Mrs Hundley will be continuing with our music programme for this term where the children will continue to learn the recorder.

In Computing we will continue to develop our animation skills. We will also be learning how to safely search for relevant information about our topics, edit and adapt the information and how we can best use the results. We will learn how to set up a spreadsheet with formulae to suit our task.

In R.E. we will be studying sacred places. We will look at different parts of the mosque and its significance. We will also learn about key Islamic beliefs and how Muslims pray. We will take part in an RE day on 21st January on the topic of Respect and Resilience.

In P.E. we will be doing indoor/outdoor games which will be on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts/skirts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Please also ensure that your child has a blue tracksuit if it is slightly wet and cold. The second PE session will take place on **Thursdays**.

We will be continuing to learn French each week for half an hour using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well investigating French culture.

This term, homework will continue to be sent home on **Fridays** and is due back in on the following **Wednesday**. Also, please carry on reading with your child at least 5 times a week as well as practising their times tables and the statutory Year 3 spelling list. It really does make a difference.

Please remind your child to bring in a water bottle with a **lift up lid**, as it is not always possible to go to the water fountain in school. **Please ensure that your child only brings in fruit for their play time snack.**

I am sure that you will support your child in the best way, but if there are any problems please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Cox
Class teacher

