



Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter



Hello, everyone, and welcome back to school for the spring term!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year and are ready and raring to go for 2021! I think it's fair to say that none of us felt totally prepared for the school closure this January, and I understand that some of you will be feeling a bit apprehensive about going back to online learning again. It has been a while since many of you were working from home so it might feel a little strange at first! However, please remember that I am here to help you in any way I can. As a school, we will support you in this to help things feel as normal as possible and I am sure that you will soon be in the swing of things.

Online Learning

It is important that children complete the work allocated to them every day. At 8.30am each morning, I will be setting that day's work on Class Dojo. This will include a piece of English and maths work for the mornings and some topic work to be completed each afternoon. Please ensure you are using Times Table Rock Stars and keeping up with your 'Doodle Time' every day too as these are fantastic resources that support your child's learning. Please do message me on Class Dojo if you need anything at all!



I Wanna Be Like You-oo-ool

Our topic title for this half term is 'I Wanna Be Like You-oo-oo' and our class novel is 'Toad Rage' by Morris Gleitzman. We will be reading this novel as a whole class and, while school is closed, I will be recording a video of me reading one chapter a day on the Year 3 Class Dojo page. We will then use this story as a basis for some of our English lessons and to develop the pupils' reading comprehension and writing skills further.

Maths

In maths, we will be covering the Year 3 objectives for multiplication and division as well as money and statistics. This will include learning to:

- ◆ recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables
- ◆ write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods
- ◆ solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division, including positive integer scaling problems
- ◆ add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts
- ◆ interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables
- ◆ solve one-step and two-step questions [for example, 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?'] using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables.



Toad Rage by Morris Gleitzman

Have a read of the blurb of our new class novel below... Can you predict what might happen?

"Uncle Bart," said Limpy, "why do humans hate us?"

Uncle Bart reckons humans don't hate cane toads, but Limpy knows they do. He's spotted the signs. The cross looks. The unkind comments. The way they **squash** cane toads with their cars. Somehow Limpy must make humans see how nice cane toads really are. Risking everything, he sets off on a journey that is mucus-chillingly dangerous, wart-tinglingly daring and very funny!

Science

Our science topic this half term is all about animals including humans. The pupils will learn about the seven food groups why our bodies need different nutrients. We will also learn that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.



Geography



In our geography lessons, we will be learning to name and locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America. We will then learn about the counties and cities of the United Kingdom and identify their key human and physical characteristics. We will also link this learning to our topic and conduct some research into the animals that can be found in these areas.

Creativity: Art

In our art lessons, we will learn about some great artists in history. We will also link our learning in art to our topic and will use the theme of animals to explore different art and design techniques.

Computing

The children will develop their online researching skills in computing this half term. They will learn to use search technologies effectively and appreciate how results are selected and ranked.



We will get through this together! Just a final few words to say a huge thank you for your continued hard work and support. I am so happy that I popped into school back in October and was able to meet most of Year 3 then, and while I'm sorry that we can't be together yet at least we know that we will see each other again once it is safe to do so. Keep working hard and keep smiling, Year 3! * Miss Jones *

