



Year 3 Spring Term 2 Newsletter



Hello, Year 3 and welcome back to school!

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and that you're feeling refreshed and ready to get stuck into some more remote learning! Keep smiling, and please remember that I am here to help in any way I can. *Miss Jones*

Online Learning

It is important that pupils complete the work allocated to them every day. At 8.30am each day, I will be setting that morning's work on Class Dojo and then from 12pm I will assign the afternoon lessons. Please ensure you are using Times Table Rock Stars, Reading Planet and that you are doing your 'Doodle Time' every day too, as these are fantastic resources that support your learning. Please message me on Class Dojo if you need anything, such as your login details if you have forgotten them.



Light Up Your Life!

Our topic this half term is 'Light Up Your Life!' In science, we will be learning about Light, for example by investigating how shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object. Our key class text is *The Skies Above My Eyes*, but we will also read *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman as a class. While school is closed, I will record a video of me reading to Year 3 and posting it on our Class Dojo page daily. We will use this reading as a basis for some English lessons and to develop our comprehension and writing skills further.

Maths

In maths, we will be covering the Year 3 objectives for length and perimeter as well as fractions. This will include learning to:

- ◆ measure length in millimetres and consolidate understanding of centimetres and metres
- ◆ measure larger objects in metres
- ◆ calculate equivalent lengths in metres, centimetres and millimetres
- ◆ compare and order lengths
- ◆ add lengths given in different units of measurement
- ◆ subtract lengths by taking away and by finding the difference
- ◆ work with wholes and parts
- ◆ recognise and make equal and unequal parts
- ◆ recognise a half, a quarter and a third
- ◆ find a half of a set of objects or a quantity
- ◆ recognise and find quarters of shapes, objects and quantities
- ◆ find a third of a quantity
- ◆ understand what unit and a non-unit fractions are



The Skies Above My Eyes by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer

Have you ever looked up and wondered what's going on high up in the skies above your eyes? Take a journey up into the air, through the atmosphere, way out into space and back down to Earth in this richly illustrated concertina

book. Zoom past the technology that fills our skies, from helicopters, fighter jets, weather balloons, to satellites, hang-gliders and hot-air balloons. Discover the insects and animals that whizz through the skies, explore the layers of the atmosphere, and travel through the solar system and out to the galaxies far beyond. From jet trails to comets' tails, enjoy amazing sights as you journey through the skies.

I can't wait to read this book to you, Year 3! ☺

Geography

In our geography lessons, we will be investigating our local area, including the human and physical features and the services and facilities we have. We will also evaluate our local area and compare it to the Spanish region of Catalonia. Perhaps we will be able to persuade you to holiday in Ushaw Moor instead of Spain in the future!



Creativity: Design Technology

This half term, our creativity work will focus on Design Technology. Part of our learning will be about food, nutrition and – best of all – cooking! We will learn what is meant by *seasonality* and will enjoy preparing some healthy savoury dishes. We will also link our DT work to our **science** topic, **Light**, by designing and making shadow puppets.



Friday Afternoon Activities

You may have noticed that we have started to offer some screen-free activities on a Friday afternoon, which hopefully provide some much-needed fun and relaxation. We are so pleased you are enjoying them.

Live Zoom Calls We know how much you are all missing your friends. To help with this, we will be arranging a live Zoom call so we can catch up as a class and have a bit of fun together. Keep an eye out for the invitation!

