



Class Three Newsletter

Welcome back. We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and that the Easter bunny brought you lots of eggs!

This newsletter will give you a brief outline of what we will be up to in class this term but, as always, if there is anything else you need to know just come and ask. After school is the best time to catch us as mornings can be a little bit busy!

What will we be learning about this term?

Below is a brief summary of some of the things the children will be learning about this term. You will also find a topic overview at the end of this newsletter.

Literacy
The children will be following the Primary Framework objectives relating to their age and ability. As part of our Literacy work we will be studying letter writing, stories, newspaper articles, persuasive writing, plays and poems linked to our global topic. The children will have the opportunity to complete longer, sustained writing, to develop their skills in drafting and editing their work.



Reading
Almost all of our reading in school is now done through guided reading, although some individual reading also takes place. The books are colour banded and we encourage the children to change their own books. We would encourage you to read with your child frequently, as this helps them with fluency and intonation and to discuss what they are reading. As they progress, they will increasingly come upon vocabulary that will need explaining and this time is ideal for you to check their understanding.



Maths

As in English, the children will follow objectives from the National Curriculum, relating to their age and ability. We will have a daily focus on the Key Instant Recall Facts (K.I.R.F.s), more information about these is sent home each half-term. You can help your child at home by carrying out some of the activities on the sheet. We will also be covering place value, calculation, shape, measuring and handling data.

We would encourage you to continue using Mathletics 3 to 5 times a week. Some of our children are well on the way to achieving a Gold Certificate which is a great achievement and is celebrated in school during Friday's assembly. Mathletics certificates will be presented on Friday as well as the trophy for "Mathlete of the Week"!

Science

In science we will be studying the life cycle of animals and plants and the use of keys. As part of this we will look at the identification and classification of plants and animals. In human biology we will be looking in detail at the digestive system and healthy eating.

Topic

The whole school topic is World War II. We will be finding out about where, when and why the war began and what life was like during this time, as well as reading stories and listening to music from then.

P.E.

Our P.E. days this term are Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays we have outdoor P.E and we doing football with York City. On Thursdays we will be doing outdoor P.E. It is useful if your child keeps their P.E. kit in school, especially their trainers, just in case we get any extra sessions or have to change our day. We will be going outside for some sessions so make sure they have suitable clothing for inside and out. Long hair must be tied back for P.E. and all jewellery including pierced earrings, must be removed. If your child is unable to remove earrings please provide tape.

Homework and Spellings

Subject	Given	Return by the following
Spellings	Friday	Thursday Test—Friday
Maths	Wednesday	Monday

This term spelling homework will be set on Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be tested on Thursday. The children will bring home a sheet with the spellings on which they will need to complete. Maths homework, sometimes Mathletics, will be set on Wednesday to be returned or completed by Monday.

If, for whatever reason, your child has been unable to complete their homework please let us know, either by having a chat with one of us first thing in the morning or by writing a note in their planner. We can then make arrangements for completing it, either during playtimes or at home. The children can go on Mathletics as often as they like! We are looking forward to having some Year 3s in the Hall of Fame as they get their gold certificates, as well as some year 4s who are almost ready to get their second gold!

Mrs Marjoram, Mrs Briggs and Mrs Cartledge.