



Year 3 Newsletter



This term the children will be exploring the following topics:

In **Science**, will be completing their topic on **Light**. The children will be exploring how light is essential for us to see and they will investigate what happens when objects block light. Then we will be building on the children's knowledge from Year 2, about the topic of **Plants**. We will be using our understanding to complete a range of experiments as well as identifying the main functions of different parts of a flower and understand the part it plays in the life cycle. We will then be revisiting all our learning in Science this year, recalling all the skills we have developed ready for next year.

In **Maths**, Year 3 will be building their confidence with fractions this term. The children will be learning how to compare and order fractions with the denominators. They will also explore equivalent fractions, using diagrams and their multiplication and division facts to help identify fractions that represent the same value.

We will also be covering volume and capacity, using millilitres to measure liquids accurately. We will also continue to develop the children's skills in Year 2 in telling the time, helping them to become more confident at reading clocks and understanding units of time.

In **Literacy** we will be exploring **Aesop's Fables**, learning about their key features such as morals, animal characters and simple problem-solution structures. The children will read a range of fables, ask questions, discuss character roles and practise using different sentence types. They will then plan and write their own fables, using clear plots and morals.

Later in the term, the children will move on to persuasive letter writing. We will discuss features of persuasive texts, including rhetorical questions and emotive language, before planning and writing persuasive letters inspired by our new History topic.

In **Indoor PE**, we will be focusing on net and wall games. The children will practise the ready position, learn to serve on the backhand, and work on moving quickly to return a shuttle.

During our **Outdoor PE**, we will be focusing on key athletics skills. The children will learn the correct technique to start a sprint race, practise hurdling efficiently and consistently, develop their jumping technique and work on accurate overarm throwing

3H will continue with their **Swimming** for the first two weeks of term. Please send your child with their swimming kits on:
Thursday 16th April and Thursday 23rd April

In **Geography**, we will be exploring coastlines in the UK and looking at how coasts change and look at the dangers of coastline erosion.

In **History**, we will begin our study of Widnes and how it has changed over the last 500 Years and its lasting legacy on our local area. We will focus on bridges, how the industry has developed and why people work here.

In **Computing**, we will be exploring 360-degree videos and learn how this technology helps us view places from all angles. They will use Google Earth to investigate different locations and build on their digital navigation skills. Later in the unit, they will apply their skills to design and create a quiz game, bringing together their creativity and computing knowledge.

Messages and Reminders

Please access EDshed daily to practice spelling through Spelling Games and to complete your weekly assignment. A maths challenge will be added weekly and will need to be completed. Reading books should be read at home at least 3 times a week. Multiplications should be practiced daily; this can be an oral rehearsal with your child or them logging onto Maths shed and completing tasks or listening to and joining in with the YouTube songs for our timetables.

Thank you for your support!