

Friday 12th January

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, we hope you all had an enjoyable break. This letter is to keep you informed about some of the work our children will be doing in the Spring Term.



Theme

Our topic work this term is 'World Kitchen'. To begin, the children will consider where the food we eat comes from, before finding out about traditional cuisines from around the world. We will look at healthy eating and the importance of health and safety when cooking food. We will also be creating and evaluating our own food. We are extremely keen to involve parents and carers in this and would welcome any volunteers to come and talk about their traditional food.

English

Our English work this term includes:

- The classic text: 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes
- The Twits - play scripts
- Information Text on Food from Around the World
- Writing recounts from our trip
- Poetry study - Valerie Bloom



Within this written work the focus will continue to be on the accurate use of punctuation, awareness of tense and varying the sentence types used in writing. We will have the Grammar focus of prepositions, conjunctions and adverbs. We shall continue to encourage the children's enthusiasm and independence, when writing. They will be continuing to learn to spell words with common spelling patterns and irregular High Frequency words.

Mathematics



In Maths No Problem we will be moving on to working on multiplication, where the children will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will be doing this by using concrete materials such as counters and move on to pictorial representation by drawing arrays. Also we will be learning to divide, starting by sharing out cubes and progressing to formal written methods.

Religious Education - RE

This term the children will be learning what it means to pray. They will delve into different religions to see how the prayer including Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

Physical Education - PE

We will have two lessons of PE a week; one on a Wednesday and one on a Thursday. Children will need to have both an indoor and an outdoor kit with suitable footwear for each. This can be brought to school on a Monday and left for the week.

Gymnastics: In Gymnastics the children will be learning the basic floor movement patterns as well as a variety of rolls, jumps and balances. These skills will then be developed to create sequences of movement.

Tennis: In tennis we will be learning the skills needed to perform a rally with a partner and play in games against an opponent. To do this we will work on throwing, catching, and serving.

Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE

Dreams and Goals

Children will, with the help of Jigsaw Jino - our PSHE circle time friend. This will be taught through social stories, scenarios and drama.

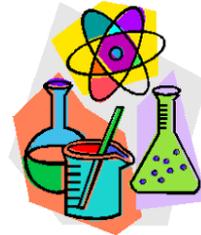


Science

In Science, the children will be studying two units of work.

As part of 'Earth Rocks' they will investigate the different properties of different types of rocks and look at how fossils are formed.

The other unit is 'Opposites attract'. This topic looks at forces and magnets.



Homework

The children will have one P^OW^Er Project to complete. This will consist of open-ended activities relating to our creative curriculum theme, for the children to choose. All children understand that the work should be completed to the same standard as they would do in class. Each activity has how many P^OW^Er points its worth. The children will aim to collect a minimum of five P^OW^Er points.



In addition, children will be given weekly spellings to practise, which cover the spelling pattern that they have been learning that week. We would like children to be listened to reading at least three times a week.

Homework packs are available each half term with maths and English tasks to complete along with the answers.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Yours sincerely,
Miss Hurley and Mrs Jackson
Year 3 Class Teachers**