

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

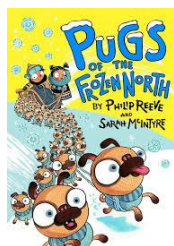
We hope that you have all had a pleasant half term. Here is an overview of our learning in the lead up to Christmas.

## Literacy

In Literacy, we will be learning about the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. The children's final written outcome will be to write a diary entry from the point of view of Arthur, who is the main character in the book. While studying this text we will be practicing how to use dictionaries and learning about how to include adverbs of time in our writing.



During our daily guided reading lessons, we will be focusing on improving our understanding of what we read. This will include summarising; inferring meaning and characters' feelings; making predictions; and discussing how different language, structure and presentation choices contribute to meaning and capture the reader's interest.



Every week we will have a guided reading theme, so the children are able to read a variety of different fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also continue to read our class book, Pugs of the Frozen North.

To keep developing our reading skills and love of reading, it is really important to **read at home regularly**. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year.

Spellings will be given out weekly on a **Monday** and these should be practised regularly before being tested on the **Friday**.

## Mathematics



This term, in Maths we will be focusing on subtracting 3-digit numbers in various different ways. We will then be learning about how to solve multiplication and subtraction problems.

## Science

By the end of the topic of rocks, children will be able to answer the following questions: How can we classify these rocks? What is soil made from? How are fossils formed? Children will learn knowledge and skills in working scientifically and scientific enquiry.



## PE



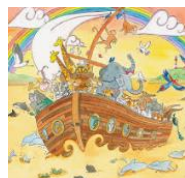
Mrs Boyle will continue to teach our PE lessons. This half term we will be focusing on attacking and defending skills. PE will be on **Mondays and Fridays for 3D** and **Mondays and Thursdays for 3L**. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on these days.

## History



In our History topic, this term, we will be learning about the Viking invasion of Britain and how Vikings lived their lives. This also relates to our literacy book.

## RE



In RE we are learning about the story of Noah's Ark and how it links with the idea of making and keeping promises in everyday life.

## Jigsaw



Our Jigsaw piece this half term is Celebrating Difference. We will consider how we can be respectful of people's differences and what we can do if we see people being unkind.

## Art

In art we will be continuing to learn all about colour theory. We will explore and discuss different groups of colour, experiment with colour and also consider why artists have chosen to use colour in different ways.



## French



In French we will be learning all about France, talking about classroom objects and following instructions.

## DT

In our DT learning this half term, we will be working towards making Viking longboats. We will research about the shape and designs of longboats and test a range of materials to assess which are most functional in water. Finally, we will test and evaluate the longboats.



We hope that this information gives you an insight into the learning and activities for Year 3 this half-term. **Homework** will continue to be given **every Friday**, and due the following Friday. As we move into the winter months, please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

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