



Class 3 News

Term 3

6th January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils of Class 3,

Happy New Year!

The year three team continues to include myself and Mrs. Campbell, however we have been joined by a new teaching assistant Miss. Tunmore who will be working in the class full time. Also, Mrs. Pickles will be now covering my release time on Fridays. You are more than welcome to see me after school or email me at kclarkmurphy@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk to discuss your child's learning.

English

In English lessons this term we will be concentrating on fiction writing. To start off we will be writing our own narratives based upon 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. We will finish the term by reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as a class and writing descriptions.

Maths

This term we will be continuing our work about place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We will be recapping how to use formal methods to add and subtract. If you have any questions about how we teach this in school please do not hesitate to ask. Our times tables quizzes will continue to happen on a Thursday. Regular practise at home will help the children to feel confident when recalling these facts and by the end of year 3 children should be able to recall all multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

Science

Mrs. Pickles will be teaching science lessons this term and will focus on forces, especially magnetic forces.

Topic

Our topic this term and next will be 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be learning about how archaeologists find out about these periods of time and how life changed for ordinary people by looking at tools, food and housing. We will also be looking at and recreating cave paintings.

RE

We will be answering the question 'What is the trinity?' We will read stories from the Bible and look at art work to explore this tricky topic.

Friendship

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Forgiveness

Tolerance

Reverence

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Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned to school to be marked on the following Wednesday. As usual there will be a maths piece of homework and children should also complete 1 piece of work from their topic grid.

Spellings

Spelling tests will continue to be on a Thursday this term and we will be concentrating on prefixes and how they can change the meaning of a root word. The children will now be split into two groups for spellings and spellings for the term will be sent home altogether with the dates of each test on.

Reading

Children's books are changed as regularly as possible and we try to make sure that this is at least twice a week. **Children must bring their book to school every day, even if they have not completed it.** This allows adults in school to hear them read if needs be and helps us keep a close monitor of the level of challenge of your child's reading book. When a child has finished a book they should place their books in the red basket to be changed on the days when I have put out the basket for changing. If your child comes home with a book they have finished please do not be afraid to read it again. The speed and fluency of your child's reading becomes more important in Year 3 as we begin to read more detailed texts. Rereading a familiar text more than once really helps develop this. If your child is a free reader then they can read books from home as part of their daily reading but please do still fill in their reading journals so we know if there are any problems. Thank you to those families that read regularly at home, it makes such a difference!

Library books

Class 3 will now have dedicated library time each week on a Wednesday. Each child will be able to take out books to be returned the following Tuesday. If you have any library books at home could they be returned as soon as possible please.

PE

This term, Class 3's PE lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Children should have their PE kit in school every day and we will send them home at the end of term to be washed. Please make sure your child's PE kit includes jogging bottoms as we will be going outside for PE over the coming weeks.

Once again, please come to speak to me before or after school if you have any questions or information that I need to know.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs. Clark Murphy and the Class 3 team

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