

Year 3 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Exciting updates!

Reflecting back on Autumn Term 1, the children had an amazing time exploring the Victorians and what life would have been like in the 19th Century. This half term, we are completing this theme and the children will be deciding if they would have preferred to live in Walsall during the 19th Century or now. They have learnt some amazing facts and have been so engaged in the history of our town.

As we move forward with our curriculum theme lessons, the children will also be learning about diversity in the arts with a focus on music, dance, drama and art. They will also continue with a weekly music lesson, learning to play the keyboard as well as singing some songs. The children have been learning to play Canon by Johann Pachelbel.

Here is a link to the piece of music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNsgHMkIBW0>

In science, we will be continuing with our rock, soils and fossils theme. We have an exciting opportunity to create some fossils of our own. We will be learning all about how fossils are formed, where they can be found and the amazing Mary Anning.

Whole Class Reading

Wow! We had an amazing time reading our first book, The BFG. We were really sad to see the end of our first book but the children made some beautiful dream jars of their own which are now on display in the library.

This half term, we will be reading two new exciting books! In our whole class reading lessons, the children will be exploring the theme of magic and mythical creatures. We will reveal what the book is on Class Dojo once the children have explored the themes within them.



Homework

Each week, your child will be set weekly homework. It will be set on Thursday and needs to be completed by the following Tuesday. The homework for Year 3 will be set on Class Dojo and it will include using some of the online platforms that were used during home learning whilst school was closed. Information on how to access this can be found in your child's planner. We will be moving on to using Google Classroom this half term and the relevant information will be shared with you on Class Dojo.

Please ensure that your child is logging onto Times Table Rockstars daily. This is crucial learning

in Year 3.

Reading

We have had an exciting start to using Accelerated Reader. You will notice that your child has a bookmark which displays their ZPD range. This was explained in the flyer that came out with your child's first reading book. As they complete their half termly test, their reading book range might change. It could go up or down and your child will come home with a new book. After they finish each book, they will complete a quiz in school which will assess their knowledge of the book and can affect their ZPD range. Your child will be expected to read at home daily. In their planner, you will find that there is a prompt question each day to support and guide home reading sessions. As they read each day, they will access the range of reading domains that are taught in school. This will help to support their comprehension of the text.

PE

Y3 PE days will be **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

On these days only, please send your child to school wearing their school PE kit:

T-Shirt - White

Shorts - Black

Pumps or Trainers for outdoor use (not school uniform footwear)

A dark coloured tracksuit (for colder weather)

School Jumper or Hoodie (for colder weather)



Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name just in case they go missing, it will help us to try and find them.

