



Class 3 Spring Newsletter



Welcome back and Happy New Year, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday! Thank you all so much for the cards, gifts and well wishes before Christmas, they were very thoughtful. This term bring a brand new topic of Predators which I know the children will enjoy and I have lots of great things planned for them over the next few months. Mr Challinor will continue to teach the children on Thursday mornings, while I have management time and Mrs Pucci will continue to the PPA cover on a Monday.



Maths: The children will start the term with multiplication and division. They will be revising their 2,5 and 10 times tables and then moving onto 3's, 4's and 8's. Its essential that the children keep practicing tables at home and accessing the TT Rockstars website which they all enjoy. This term the children will also be learning more about fractions. They will be recognizing, writing and finding fractions as well as comparing them to find equivalents. Throughout both of these topics, the children will be using their skills to solve different reasoning and problem solving tasks. During the term the children will also be learning about measures, including telling the time. They will be telling time to the nearest five minutes and then nearest minute. It would be helpful if you could be encouraging your child to practice telling the time with analogue clocks as often as possible.



Literacy: We will start off the term by looking at a range of non-fiction writing. The children will be looking at note-making and researching a predator of their choice. They will then use this information to create a leaflet which includes images, caption, subheadings and different presentational features. The children will be exploring different sentence types and using a range of different conjunctions to link ideas, such as despite, although and however. We will be using the text Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl to explore narrative writing and the children will be writing their own alternative endings. Each week the children will continue to practice spellings and we will begin by looking at prefixes and suffixes such as ful, ness, tele and sub. I will also be including more of the year 3 spellings which I handed out at parents evening. Class 3 love reading and they are a joy to listen to. Thank you for your support with this as I know it may not always be easy to find the time to share a book with your child.



Science: This terms science learning will be about humans and animals and their nutrition in the first part of the term and skeletons and muscles during the second part. All of our science learning this term will be closely linked to our topic and will include learning about what a balanced diet is, what animals eat and how, looking at the contents of our foods and classifying foods into groups. Our skeletons and muscles topic will involve us developing our understanding of the function of the skeleton and how works. How our skeletons differ for the skeletons of animals and how muscles work to ensure our skeletons work properly.



Topic: Predator is the name of our new topic this term. Through our topic we will apply our Geography skills; using world maps to locate different habitats. History; understanding how, where and why zoos started in Britain, ICT; conducting research into carnivorous plants and manipulating images to create our own predators, Art; studying animals patterns and manipulating materials to recreate them and sculpting birds using recycled materials, while in DT; designing and creating packaging for foods. The topic has been created with Class 3 children in mind and will be guided by their interests while developing their skills.



Computing: This term our computing focus will be on programming. We will be using different programs on computers and ipads, for example, beebots, to give instructions and learn how to debug programs to attain the required goal or outcome. The children will take part in a weekly lesson of ICT that will either support this learning or develop ICT skills through our topic.



PE: This term Class 3 have a ten week block of swimming lessons on Thursday mornings. This is to begin on **Thursday 10th January**. The children need a one piece costume or swimming trunks and a swimming hat. If you wish your child to wear goggles then please sign the permission letter. Games will remain on a Monday morning. For this they need suitable outdoor games kit; black or blue shorts, white t-shirt, tracksuit and trainers. If your child is unable to take part in PE then could you please provide a letter excusing them.



RE: This term Class 3 will be looking at Religion in the Home and how Christians and Muslims follow their religion. They will look at what practices they follow at home and how important it is for these believers to practice their faith. We will also look at religious leaders and who is important to Christians and Muslims and what makes them great leaders.



French: In French this term, Class 3 will be learning vocabulary for days of the week, numbers up to 50, different sports and how to say which sports that they like and dislike. We will also start to write these words, learning that some words in French are masculine and others are feminine.



Homework: I will continue to give out homework on Friday, they will record this in their homework diary and should hand it in on Monday. If your child found a piece of work difficult then please make a note of it in the homework diary and I can then follow it up at school.

I hope that you have found this newsletter informative, but if you do have any more questions then please do not hesitate to see me before or after school or to contact me via the school office or directly on staff04@croft.staffs.sch.uk



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