

Welcome Year 3 Newsletter

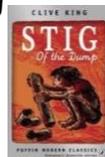


I would like to start by taking this opportunity to welcome you to year 3. I hope you had a lovely summer. I would like to thank the children in Year 3 for making such a fantastic start as a Key Stage 2 class. They have been working so hard already. This year will bring new challenges and exciting opportunities for them. It is important that together we encourage them to approach everything they do with a positive attitude and with 'I can do it learning'

Maths - In our maths lessons, we will be continuing using the Maths No Problem scheme, this includes ordering two- and three-digit numbers, counting and estimating, adding and subtracting numbers up to three digits and multiplication and division facts. They will continue to identify mathematical terminology in order to pick out key language used in word problems. It would be fantastic if they could practise their times tables at home in order to develop their mathematical skills even further.



Writing - In the first half term we will be recapping our basic writing skills and we will continue to practise our comprehension skills, handwriting skills, learn and practise spellings and improve our grammar. We have been looking at writing narratives and building stories such as Stig of the Dump.



Geography - During our learning theme, the children will be exploring 'Scotland' and looking at coastal changes and human and natural features. We have been looking at compass points too. (the cardinal directions.)



Science - This half term's science question is: 'Are all rocks the same?' Using the five different types of scientific enquiry, children will investigate how to group rocks based on their properties. They will learn how rocks are made by researching the rock cycle and have a go at producing their own using sweets! Children will also understand the key components that make up soil. This learning theme links with our art project for the term, where we take a look at how fossils are made.



History - Our history learning theme for this term is 'The Stone Age', The children will learn about life in Britain in the Stone and Iron Ages, a period covering a million years of history. We are trying to understand the chronology of this fascinating time and create timelines of the periods from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will discover developments in food and cooking, and the move from hunting and gathering to farming.



Design Technology -

The children will be learning all about the different processes that go into designing and making a product, from researching ideas, developing templates and mock-ups to seeing how a final product is made to meet specific design criteria



Physical Education - The children will be exploring fitness and dance with Miss Binch. PE is every other **Monday** and children will need to **come in their kits**. Mr Stables will also be building up the children's fitness with sensory circuits.

Art - In the first half of the term we will be exploring colour mixing, and graffiti art inspired by the world around us.



Music - The children will learn about 'Composition and Performance', having the opportunity to look into orchestras and all the different roles of the musical instruments. They will also study music appreciation. Our current category of music is rock and roll. The children have particularly enjoyed listening to Queen: 'We are the champions'.



Computing - The children will be learning about e-safety and how to research the web effectively and safely. We have been using the e-bug site to educate the children on the current pandemic situation.



RSE - This learning is all about strengths and challenges, children will be learning how to set personal goals, how to celebrate achievement and how to understand love. They will also learn to deal with 'put-downs' and develop strategies to positively deal with setbacks. This unit links with growth mind-set and will help the children to build positive learning attitudes for all aspects of life.

Modern Foreign Languages – The children will find France on a map and will learn some facts about France. They will learn to say numbers 0-30 and how to greet others, including asking questions and responding to these questions. They will learn some classroom instructions too. The children will take part in a range of activities and will learn some songs too to help to reinforce new vocabulary.



Reading – Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. We are trialling a new way of teaching reading which is proving successful. Watch this space!



Character education -

The children will learn what is meant by community, showing kindness and caring on how to value the similarities and differences between themselves and others and what it means to belong to a group.

RE – Our learning in this subject focuses on thinking skills expressed in stories, celebration, ritual and action. It will also teach us about traditions and sacred text. The children will learn about the great festivals and different cultures. This gives the children opportunities to explore how religious artefacts and texts can be a source for learning about the world around us.

KEY ITEMS

Please note the October half term starts **Monday 19th October 2020** and is for 2 weeks. We will be returning to school on **Monday 2nd November 2020**.

We are so proud to announce that Poppies of Red has won another award. Poppies of Red 2020 Winners Announcement:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vb4I2Aelv9c&t=4s>

