

15th September 2020

Dear Parent,



I hope you all had a great Summer and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 3 and I look forward to seeing you around school over the next few weeks.

During this first half term we will be focusing on history and studying The Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. After half term we will study The Amazon Basin where we will focus on geography. In history we will be looking at events, people and artefacts from these time periods and look at the influence they had on Britain. In geography we will look at a range of maps, locating different places and look at the impact human and physical geography in the Amazon.

As you are probably already aware, I really enjoy doing art in school and feel it is important for the children to work with a variety of mediums. It would be appreciated if you could send in an old t-shirt or top for your child to use as an art shirt that they can keep in their locker.

Year 3 will be having PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays this half-term so please could children come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Curriculum coverage.

Maths

-Mental Maths

Times tables - 3x, 4x and 8x.

(Year 2 continued- 2x, 5x and 10x)

Counting up and down in steps of 2, 3,4, 5,8, 10, 50 and 100.

-Number work.

- Place value. (Hundreds & Thousands)
(Partitioning 3/4 digit numbers)
- Addition and subtraction.
(Solving a variety of addition and subtraction questions and problems. Reasoning- explaining answers using correct vocabulary.)
- Multiplication and division.
(Develop efficient methods for multiplying and dividing. Solve a variety of problems in context and explain their reasoning.)

Literacy

- Spelling Strategies.

-Prefixes/suffixes

-Homophones

-Apostrophes for contractions (don't)

-Words with -ei, - que

-Words ending in -gue

-Words when sound i is spelt y

- Grammar and Punctuation.

Use; - full stops, capital letters consistently.

- a wider range of conjunctions.

-commas, question marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes and inverted commas.

-Writing

To write in sections/ paragraphs.

Write for a range of different purposes.

To plan, draft, write, evaluate and edit.

-Text level;

- Adventure Story.
- Myths and Legends.
- Non chronological reports.

Science.

-Light.

To recognise we need light to see.

To recognise light from the sun can be dangerous.

To recognise shadows are formed when the light sources is blocked.

-Animals including Humans.

To understand about healthy, balanced foods and the role of nutritional values.

To compare skeletons of humans and animals and explain why they are different.

(Working scientifically - Making observations, Group and sorting, Testing, Identify Patterns and Research using secondary sources.)

History.

Stone, Bronze and Iron Age

To learn about the earliest civilizations and their everyday life. Look at what artefacts tell us about the past.

Skills

- Time lines.
- Placing events in order.
- Chronological understanding

Geography.

The Amazon Basin

To consider physical and human features of different places and how this shapes the landscape. Look at climates and the effects of global warming

Skills

- Map skills.
- Placing events in order.
- Chronological understanding

Art/DT

- Making Models/ sculptures. (From clay and other materials) Linked to History Topic.
- Sketching.
- Using Chalks, Pastels, Paints for different effects.

PSHE

- Strengths and challenges
Growth Mindset/celebrating achievements
- See it, say it, stop it
Keeping safe and managing relationships

Spanish

To learn numbers, colours and begin to use short phrases.

PE.

- Cricket and Rounders
Bat, ball and fielding skills

Music.

To listen to and discuss different types of music.
To learn songs, play instruments. (Compose & Perform)

RE

What do different people believe about god?
To look at different beliefs and make comparisons.

Reading - Children are expected to read at home for 10 minutes at least 4 times a week and I would really appreciate it if you could make sure your child's reading book is in school every day. Books will be changed on a particular day. (Library books will come home this week with levelled reading books the following week.)

Spelling - New spellings programme to be launched.

Maths - TT Rockstars. (User name and password continues from last year. If you have any problems just let me know).

If you have any questions please feel free to leave a message with the office and I will get back to you or via email year3@harden.bradford.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,

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