

Year 3 Curriculum

Newsletter

Summer Term 2019

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had a lovely Easter, and a well-deserved break. Our class newsletters and outdoor homework grid are sent out through the school app. If you don't already do so, please follow us on Twitter, @cccprimary to see what exciting things we get up to!

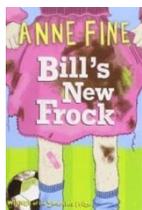
English

In English this term, our work will be based upon the books 'The Flower' and 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.

During our work on The Flower we shall be building up the skills needed to effectively describe a setting. We shall also be looking at the features included in writing instructions, before writing our own clear instructions.

When working on the book The Firework Maker's Daughter, we shall be looking at writing our own poetry. We shall be writing some exciting poems all about fireworks.

Our class novels for this half term are: Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine and The Sheep Pig by Dick King Smith.



How to help your child in English

Read with your child every night, it is important that children develop a love of reading. Please discuss their books with them to encourage this.

Help them learn the year 3 spelling words, sent home at the beginning of the year. Please see me if you need a new copy.

To help engage your child with our book, The Firework Maker's Daughter, you and your child could watch videos on YouTube of incredible firework championships from around the world.

They could then have a go at writing a description of what they have seen, or even their own poetry like we will do in school!

Maths

In maths we are going to be consolidating our multiplication knowledge, by using the grid method effectively. Children will learn to partition a two digit number and multiply it by a single digit, as follows:

$$15 \times 4 = 60$$

x	10	5
4	40	20

$$40 + 20 = 60$$

All our calculation policies can be found on our school website, if you wish to help your child at home.

We shall also be consolidating the written addition and subtraction methods taught earlier in the year. We shall be applying these methods to answer lots of different types of reasoning questions.

This term we have started Early Bird Maths, the children have 14 arithmetic questions to answer every morning, before registration!

How to help your child in Maths

You can encourage your child to read an analogue clock, by asking them what time it is.

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars, the impact this has on their learning is huge. Children should be playing at least 3 times per week, and



at least one sound check game. Improvement is more effective if children play for small short periods of time.

Regularly ask your child simple mental arithmetic questions. This could be as simple what is 145 add 20? It is so important to get children thinking mathematically.

Topic - Geography, Computing & Art

For the next term we shall be studying geography. In the first half term we shall be 'Investigating Water', we shall learn about the water cycle, before learning where water travels to, finding out about the importance of having clean water. After half term we shall be learning all about The Lake District.



In computing, we are learning about Images, Video and animation. The children will plan and take images to create their own storyboard video.

In art we are going to learn about great architects and designers, we shall study Zaha Hadid.

General Notices

PE for this half term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday however, PE kit needs to be in school every day for various sports clubs.

Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Wednesday afternoon, she will teach RE, Spanish and Music.

If you have any questions, or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us!

Sports Day is due to take place on Friday 24th May, with a reserve date of Friday 7th June, in case of wet weather. KS2 sports day takes place in the afternoon.

Mrs Lowe & Mrs Huddy

Science

Our science topics are 'Plants' and 'Rocks and Fossils'. We shall be finding out about the different parts of a plant, and what they need to survive. We shall learn about different types of rocks, and how fossils are formed.

PSHE

In PSHE our units are It's okay to tell, Being a Risk Taker and Keeping Safe.

RE

In R.E we shall be learning about Which Rules we should follow. After half term our topic is Does everybody follow the same rules?

Homework

Once again we are setting the very popular Go Outdoors homework for the summer term. You should have received a separate letter, via the school app, explaining the different tasks. I look forward to seeing your Tweets and photos of you having fun outdoors!