

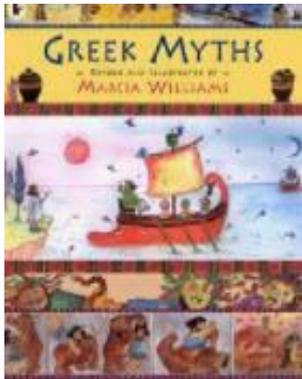
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

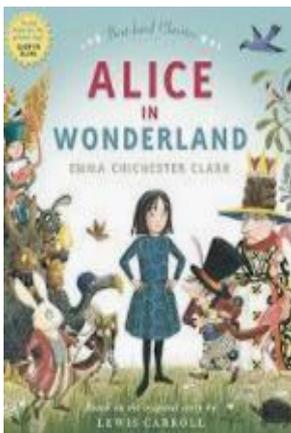
Welcome back to school, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed a well-deserved break. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, which you can read about in this newsletter. If you don't already do so, please follow us on Twitter to see what exciting things we get up to! @CCCRPRIMARY.

English

In English this term, our work will be based around two books: *Greek Myths* by Marcia Williams during Spring 1 and *Alice in Wonderland* by Emma Chichester Clark in Spring 2.



Whilst studying *Greek Myths*, we will carefully consider the skills needed to write our own myths. We will look closely at how to describe characters and how to create dialogue between them.



When reading *Alice in Wonderland*, we will get to know all of the characters in the book and carefully consider the story from Alice's point of view. We will consider all of her thoughts and feelings before rewriting the story from Alice's perspective.

Read with your child at least three times a week. Discuss tricky vocabulary and ask your child questions about the story they are reading. Encourage them to read for pleasure and take part in the Year 3 Reading Challenge. You can also practise the Year 3 spelling words sent home with the homework pack.

How to help your child in English

Maths

During Spring 1, we will be re-visiting everything we know about place value and will learn to describe and extend number sequences. We will focus on fractions and that a fraction of a number relates to division. We will also look at measuring, comparing and adding capacities, masses and measures.

We will re-visit our knowledge of multiplication facts, concentrating on our 8 times tables. We will also re-visit written methods and mental strategies for multiplication.

In Spring 2, we will return to 2D and 3D shape, where we will draw make and recognise a wide range of shapes. We will move on to adding and subtracting using written methods and use estimating and the inverse operation to check our answers. During this time we will also re-visit fractions and practise adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We will also re-visit telling the time. Please continue to practise this at home, especially on an analogue clock.

We will use everything that we learn to improve our reasoning and problem solving skills and throughout the term, we will continue working on choosing the best method to solve a calculation and work on our mental arithmetic strategies.

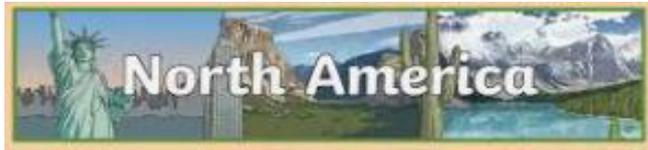
How to help your child in maths

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars. This term we will be learning our 8, 3 and 4 times table and re-visiting our 2s, 5s and 10.



Geography

In geography, we will be studying North and South America. We will spend time locating the continents on a map and learning all about the countries. We will learn about the people who live there, the climate and consider their similarities and differences.



Computing

In computing, we will be making our own movies. Learning how to plan, film and edit our work!

Art

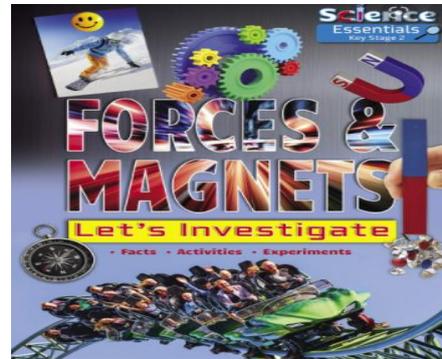
In art we will be looking at the work Vincent van Gogh. We will be working hard on our sketching and painting techniques to help us recreate van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' and try our hand at portraits.



to fencing!

Science

During this term, we will learn all about forces and magnets. We will learn how forces act on objects and how to sort magnetic and non-magnetic materials. We will also investigate magnetic poles and the impact of friction.



PSHE

This term we will be focusing on our emotional wellbeing and how we can look after our environment.

RE

In R.E we will consider the meaning of change. We will think about change in our own lives and how Jesus has and can change our lives.

As Easter approaches we will look closely at the Easter story.

PE

During Spring 1 we will be visited by Chorley Sports partnership, who will help us improve our dance skills. In Spring 2, they will also introduce us

General Notices

- PE for this half term will be on a Monday and a Thursday.
- Our Spring term homework grid is now available on the school website.
- Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Wednesday afternoon.
- 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!

Mrs Dixon & Mrs Marrow