



Y3DF



Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2 2018

Welcome back!

With Christmas round the corner we have a very exciting half term planned.

English

In our Literacy groups we will be writing science fiction stories this half term as we learn all about writing to entertain. We will be looking at different language features used in stories eg. description of characters and settings.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing our 'Addition and Subtraction' work, before moving on to focus on 'Multiplication and Division', which will also continue after the Christmas break.

We will be working on fluency tasks then asking children to undertake problem solving and reasoning questions.

Please remember to practise your times tables.

WOPPS/RE

On Wednesday afternoons we will continue our WOPP sessions with Mr Smith. We are really enjoying learning to play the violin.

We will also continue to have a Spanish lesson with Mrs Wade.

Topic – Rocks and Fossils

We will be going back in time to the Land of the Dinosaurs and discovering how fossils have formed. We will also look at different types of rock and their formation. There may just be a school trip in there too.

Art

The children will be looking at work by the artist Seurat. We will be using his ideas in Pointilism. You never know, we might even create a Christmas Card in his style.


Science

Our science this half term will include the formation and classification of rocks and fossils. We are also planning a trip to the National Stone Centre in Derbyshire and SOS have very kindly offered to pay for a visit from a scientist from the Palaeolab to teach the children more about fossils and evolution.

Help Wanted

As you know, we are always busy in Y3/4 and your help is invaluable. If you wish to help us make resources, help with displays and listen to children read please let me know and we can arrange a time for you to come in. Thank you in advance.





Dates for the Diary

12th-14th November Y3 residential to Kingswood.

16th November—Children in Need

17th November—Choir singing at Bolsterstone Christmas Fair

22nd November Y4 trip to National Stone Centre

23rd November Y3 trip to National Stone Centre

30th November—Y3 and 4 workshop in school with Paleolab—looking at fossils, Darwin and the Origin of the Species.

5th/6th December—Y3/4 Christmas Play

19th December –Christmas Party

20th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Have a Wonderful Christmas Holiday

Kingswood!

One of the most exciting events in Y3, the Kingswood Residential, takes place this half term. A reminder that Y3AB are away on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November, and Y3DF following on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th November.

Please contact Mr. Butler or the office with any last minute questions, either in person or via ClassDojo.

Computing

Our computing lessons this half term will focus on coding, where the children will be introduced to a piece of software called 'Logo'.

A Reading Reminder

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day. In Year 3 and 4 it is still very important to read with your child, especially as the books become more involved. It would be very helpful to your child if you could talk about their understanding of what they have read and talking about any new vocabulary in their books.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Everyone in Y3DF would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Anastasia, Ayla, Finley & Harry , who celebrate their 8th birthday this half term!

Physical Education

This half term our PE lessons will focus on dance linked to themes from the Christmas Play and REAL gym. We will also be improving core strength through 'Real PE.'

Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. **Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit as we will try and make the most of dry weather with outdoor sessions. PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday morning and left all week. Kits can be taken home at weekends to be washed if you would like.**

