

Spring 2 Term Newsletter – Year 3



This half term our theme is 'Our Local Area'. The lead subject will be *Geography* and we will be thinking about what makes our local area a special place to live and how it has changed overtime. We will be studying and using maps and we will ensure we use the correct geographical vocabulary.

Other areas of study will be:

Maths - Part of our studies will include using units of measure (ml, kg, g, ml) in addition and subtraction calculations. Additionally, we will test ourselves on the use of key facts relating to units of measure. We will also start to use graphs and tables to represent data. Subsequently we will answer lots of questions about the data presented.

English - Our work will be based on extracts from a text written by Jane Gardam called 'A Fair Few Days'. The story is based in Coatham, Redcar. We will write a non-chronological report about Skeletons (Linked to our Science topic). Additionally, we will read some Greek mythology, particularly the Myth of Medusa. We will write like a journalist to report the facts of the story.

RE - We will be learning about Easter and in particular why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'.

Computing - We will be designing a questionnaire about the local area. We will create graphs from the data we have collected.

History - During this half term we will study the history of the first Lifeboats that made this area famous - so we will visit the Lifeboat station and possibly have an ice cream too!

Art - We will use the local area and the unique buildings as a stimulus for our art work; we shall explore the use of 3D models in these lessons.

DT - In DT we will make a moving picture using a lever, it will be based on the iconic buildings in Redcar.

Music - We will listen to the reggae music of 'Three Little Birds' and discuss our feelings towards this piece of music and others. We will use an increasing range of musical vocabulary.

Science - Our focus will be skeletons and why we have them. We will also study animals who do not have skeletons.

PE lessons at present will both be on Mondays and Thursdays, we will focus on ball games and dance (Bollywood dancing) in these sessions.

Please make sure your child has a full, NAMED kit left at school for both indoor and outdoor PE. Please provide tape for pierced earrings (studs only).

Homework

Homework will take the form of spellings, a piece of English and Maths work. Homework will be given out each Friday and due in the following Thursday. Spelling tests take place on a Friday. In addition, we would appreciate your help in assisting your child to practice their times tables. (Bronze - 2's, 5's, 10's and 11's; Silver - 3's, 4's and 6's). Please can you ensure that your child reads at home as often as possible too.

Purple Mash

I will set additional homework on Purple Mash. If you need a reminder of your password please let me know.

Finally, please can you send your child with a water bottle so they can easily have a drink during the day.

Remember you can see the 'Star Writer' with an example of their work on the wall in the entrance hall each week. Please go and have a look.

Thank you in advance for all your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Ing and Mrs Loram (Year 3 Team)