



Primary 3 Newsletter - Term 2

Welcome to the Primary 3 newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful October break. We have really enjoyed getting to know the children and look forward to working with them this session. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 3 this term.

Literacy -

Children will be continuing to focus on using capital letters and full stops in their writing. They will continue with spelling patterns on a weekly basis, using their spelling words 4 days a week in different activities, with a test on Fridays. They will have 9 spelling words and 1 tricky word to learn each week. Reading books are being sent home and it is important that reading is done every night. Please try to spend a short time each night discussing the stories, looking at tricky words, talking about the pictures and asking: what do you think will happen next?

Numeracy and Maths -

This term, there will be a focus on addition, subtraction and money in Numeracy and angle, position and movement in Maths. The children will be using a selection of coins up to £1 to pay for items and start to give change. Some children may also work with amounts over £1. Please use any opportunity to allow your child to handle and count money. In Maths we will look at different kinds of angles, as well as using grids to plot movement and direction.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

Our topics for Term 2 are Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes in the first half of the term, then the Christmas Story as a Journey in the second half.

As well as looking at the facts behind Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes, both these topics lend themselves to lots of art work, which we are sure the children will enjoy very much.

Our Christmas Story as a Journey will look at maps and pictures of the landscape of the Middle East at the time of Mary and Joseph's journey and we will plot the journey on our own map.

Wider Achievements-

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school please encourage them to let us know! We use informal 'show and tell' several times a week where children can share their achievements or other items with the class e.g showing and talking about medals they have won, bringing in interesting objects etc...

Health and Wellbeing -

Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. We would be grateful if you can ensure your child has full PE kit in school all week, as we often take the opportunity to be active outwith timetabled PE times.

We will also look at road safety, especially with the darker evenings and mornings approaching.

Ideas for Learning at Home-

The children will have reading homework weekly and details of this will be in their reading records. They may also have word lists or key words to practise at home. Please remember to bring red reading book bags to school every day.

Spelling; each week your child's spelling list is added to Spelling City. There are lots of fun activities to help your child learn and embed the spelling patterns and tricky words.

Names on clothes -

Please ensure that children have their names clearly labelled. This includes school sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, footwear and gym shoes as well as all gym kit. Already there are a large number of items in lost property. If you have lost anything, please feel free to come and have a look.

It was lovely to meet so many of you at Meet the Teacher/ Parents' Evening. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Vision, Values and Expectations

We recently launched our new Bonnyrigg Vision:

'Today we achieve. Tomorrow we make a difference.'

Our core values are:

Safe, Achieving, Confident and Happy

Our expectations for all in our school community are that we are:

Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn

Mrs Stewart, Mrs Phibbs, Mrs Brown and Mrs Engel