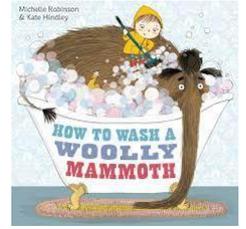


Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2022



Welcome back to another exciting half-term in Year 3. The children have all made a great start to Year 3 and we are looking forward to all the new topics the children will be learning about.

English

Our main focus for this half-term will be reading a text called 'How to wash a woolly mammoth'. The children will be learning about the features of instruction texts, and they will then have a go at writing their own set of instructions using imperative verbs, formal tone, bullet points, diagrams and making sure it is in chronological order. Our class novel is 'Stig of the dump' by Clive King, and we will also be practising some reading skills using this text.

You can help your child to succeed in English by:

- Listening to your child read their reading book regularly
- Encouraging your children to present their work neatly when doing work at home

Maths

In maths we will be continuing our work on adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers using mental and written methods. We will then move onto multiplication and division and focusing on the x2, x5, x10 x3, x4 and x8 times tables this half-term. We will look at using arrays, grouping and sharing numbers. The children have all been very excited about Times Tables Rockstars since our launch day and we will be continuing to use this in school, please can you continue to use this resource at home.

You can help your child to succeed in maths by:

- Practising times tables and number facts with your child
- Giving them time at home to use Times Tables Rockstars (at least 5 minutes each day)
- Supporting your child with their maths homework and encouraging them to check their answers are correct

Topic - History

The children have really enjoyed learning about the Stone Age last half term, and we are now moving onto learning about the Bronze Age. They will look at how life continued to change when people started using metal in Britain and make comparisons to the stone age. The children will end the topic by making an information leaflet about the Bronze Age.

Science

In Science the children will be finding out about skeletons. We will find out why some animals have skeletons and the names of the main bones. We will look at skeletons of different animals and compare and contrast these. The children will also find out about how muscles work to move parts of the body.

P.E.

This half term our PE lesson will be on Monday and our focus will be gymnastics. Please make sure your children have their PE kit in school on Monday - they will bring it home on Friday. Please make sure that everything is labelled as things have been misplaced recently. Also please make sure any earrings are taken out and hair is tied up for that day.

Forest School/Design Technology

We are very excited that it is now our turn to go to Forest School every Friday! Please make sure you provide your children with old, warm clothes and shoes or boots with two pairs of socks. We will need to wear gloves and hats, but no scarves or earrings. Kate and her team will be leading exciting sessions in the school grounds, and we can't wait to get started! We will be having a design technology focus during our lessons and the children will be making prehistoric shelters using mud - therefore the children may come home quite dirty!

French

In French the children will be learning classroom instructions, nursery rhymes and what Christmas celebrations are like in France.

Uniform

As the weather changes, your child will need to bring a warm, waterproof coat. Please make sure that all items of school uniform, including their PE kit, are labelled with your child's name so that any lost clothing can be returned to the right child quickly. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear for school - ie shoes which are mainly grey or black, waterproof, comfortable and grippy that allow them to be active safely in the playground.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be returned by Friday. Topic homework will be given out on Friday, and this will need to be completed by the following Monday. Your child will have weekly spellings which they will be practising in school during the week, and we would like you to practise them with your child over the weekend, ready for their spelling test on Monday.

Attendance and Punctuality

School target for attendance is 97% - but many children in Year 3 are falling well below this level. Please make attendance at school a real priority - even if your child is a little 'under the weather' as missed lessons can have a huge impact in how hard it is for them to catch up on missed learning.

Please remember that the school day begins at 8.45 and the children should arrive by 8:55am when the doors close. Any child who arrives after 8:55 is classed as late. Please can we also remind you that wherever possible, please arrange medical appointments out of school time. Thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to another fantastic half-term in Year 3!

The Year 3 staff team:

Mrs Scarfe, Miss Valencia and Mrs Flory.