



Year 3 Newsletter – Summer Term 2



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term in year 3 where we will be exploring mythical creatures, Anglo Saxons and Scots!

Our **big question** this term is: **What qualities do you need to have in order to make a difference?** In class, children will be applying this question into our history topic, R.E, English and PSHE. They will explore how others have made a difference, what difference we can make to others through building relationships and how we can support and help others around the world with knowledge we gain at school.

English: Over the course of the half-term we will be covering a range of writing genres. We begin with an imaginative story called Beowulf. The children will be immersed in different ways to use descriptive language to create settings and characters. We will then explore descriptive recounts. The children will use adverbs, personification and explore clauses. We will recount an event from the Anglo Saxons. We will finish this term by writing some creative and exciting acrostic poems. The children will pass these on to their year 4 teacher.

Destination Reader: Children are continuing to make good progress with the 7 reading skills and are now becoming confident in applying these skills to a range of text types, including fiction, biographies and information texts. This half-term we will be using our classroom texts to further our ability to predict, infer and explore fact mixed with fiction. They will make connections between the different texts they are reading and discuss the similarities and differences of each text. Please encourage your child to read at home and to share different texts with you. Sharing reading and being read to are still vital to fostering a love of reading. Read anything they enjoy either online or on paper.

In **Maths** we will be looking at time and shape. The children will continue to look at times on an analogue clock and working out problems using time. Please help your child in reading time as much as possible – a great online tool is:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock> . We will continue to work on multiplication tables as well this half term (please see the times tables homework). We will then explore shape looking first at different angles within a shape and then moving on to features of 2D and 3D shapes.



If you would like to support their learning at home some things you can focus on are counting on and back in multiples that your child is still working on (2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 6). When going for a walk notice different shapes and discuss the angles you see around the buildings (they can be very interesting). Share some mythical stories that you enjoy and talk about the interesting features of the characters and settings in these stories. Try to describe a setting or character to the other person and making them guess who it is using your adjectives.

Children continue to be tested in their spellings and times tables on Mondays, and new homework is sent home on Wednesdays.

An overview of the rest of our learning includes:

History: Children will learn about the life of Anglo Saxons and Scots. We will explore timelines and what their lives were like at that time compared to ours. The children will also compare Romans to Anglo Saxons, making lists of similarities and differences that we can recall from our previous topic.

Religious Education: We will be investigating the question “Who is Jesus?” Children will listen to stories of Jesus’s work, people who stood by him and what others feel made him so special.

Science: We will be delving into light! The children will investigate darkness, light, shadow and we will conduct different experiments using light to create a variety of effects including rainbows.

PSHE: This term is all about changing me. Here we will look at puberty and changes from babies to adults. The children will explore how a baby grows in a tummy and what happens to their bodies as they go through puberty.

Computing: We will be creating some amazing PowerPoints around Anglo Saxons, learning to add pictures, sounds, writing, and videos into an informative and exciting overpoint presentation.

Music: children will continue with specialist weekly lessons playing recorder.

Physical Education: PE will be great fun with cricket, net ball and wall games!

Please note that we have moved French and P.E to **Thursday** this term. If you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch or speak to us at the end of the day!

Best wishes,

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