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**Year 3 Newsletter**

Spring 2023

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| **Year 3 English**  We are beginning this term by exploring the tricky world of poetry. Our Year 3 children will be learning about, and creating, a New Year’s Resolution poem using their 5 senses. Next, they are going to write two narrative pieces (fiction) based on a journey and a mystery. This will be a fantastic opportunity to show us their wider reading experiences, drawing on the mysteries they have read in school or journeys they have experienced in life. Finally, they will be using their Science learning to create an explanation text, and writing a recount based on a fantastical experience (sshh it’s a secret!)  C:\Users\pnndunn\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\93CEA2B7.tmpOur class reads this term are:  Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine  The Train to Impossible Places by P.G. Bell  The Day No one Woke Up by Polly-Yo Hen  Journey to The Edge of the World by Julia Green | **Year 3 Maths**  We continue our learning of times tables this term, with children continuing to be tested weekly on their progress through the times tables (up to 12x12). Any practise at home, both on Times Table Rockstars or on paper, are going to help with this.  In class we will be learning how to count in 4s and 8s from any number (backwards and forwards). We will explore multiplication and division this term, making times tables knowledge even more crucial for children’s understanding. In measurement we will be exploring mass, volume and capacity. This is a fantastic skill which can be practised at home through baking and cooking together.  Balance Scales Variety 1 KS2 Illustration - TwinklWe will also look at fractions again, using our learning from last term to begin to add and subtract fractions, as well as ordering and comparing them. We will also revisit geometry and look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes; including right angles. Helping your children to spot shapes in the real world will really help with this. |
| **Year 3 Science**  Science - Forces and Magnets | Aberford C of E (VC) Primary SchoolScience this term focuses on Forces and Magnets. Children will enter the exciting world of investigative science with plenty of opportunities to use equipment and perform experiments to understand their learning.  By the end of term, children will be able to explain how forces act on an object, name these forces and describe them to you. They will also understand how magnets attract and repel one another and will be able to demonstrate this to you. | **Year 3 Wider Curriculum**  History – The impact of the River Tees on Middlesbrough.  Geography – Volcanoes and earthquakes, exploring what happens when the earth moves.  Volcano svg cuts scrapbook cut file cute clipart files for silhouette  cricut pazzles free svgs free svg cuts cute cut filesArt – The artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and creating their own piece using his methods.  DT – Making a healthy salad.  RE –The Christian year.  Computing – Coding and Programming.  PSHE – The importance of families, and wellbeing and resilience.  PE – Net and wall games during Spring 1 and dance during Spring 2.  Music – we will continue to learn the recorder this term. |
| **Year 3 Homework**  Times tables are tested weekly using Times Tables Rockstar. The children are aiming to increase their ‘Rock Status’ each week until they reach ‘Rock Legend’. Children will also complete a ‘Gig’ once a month in school.  Amgen Offering Golden Ticket for Biotech Startups | BioSpaceSpellings will now go home on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Children will be sent a double-sided sheet to practise their spellings on. This should be returned on a Friday.  Reading must be completed at least 3 times a week and signed in their reading record. Any child who reads 4 times or more is entered in to our golden ticket draw. | **Year 3 Other information**  PE is on a **Thursday** morning – please send the appropriate PE kits on or before this day. Here is an example:  Please only send children with plain or flavoured water in their bottles. **No** fizzy drinks (including sparkling water) or juice please.  We are planning a Tees Barage trip during Spring 2 – information to follow closer to the date. |

**Welcome to our spring newsletter! We are excited to share with you some of the fantastic things we will be getting up to in Year 3 during this term.**