

Class 3 Spring Term 2019

English

This term the children will be using a collection of winter stories, written by a range of children's authors as the inspiration for their own writing. We will be focussing on descriptive language; complex sentences and correctly punctuated speech. After half term Y4 and Y5 will be reading and working from 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. Y6 will be learning about a variety of text types. Some children in Y4 and all children in Y5 and Y6 have access to Lexia which is a great online tool for improving their English skills.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on fractions, area and volume; and multiplication and division problems in Y5 and Y4. In Y6 we will be focusing on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Angles and Shape; Measure and Algebra. The children will continue to supplement their class based learning with 'Mathletics' and 'Prodigy'.

Science

This term we will be studying the unit 'States of Matter' which looks at solids, liquids and gases. In addition to this we will be finding out about 'Electricity' after half term.

History

The children will be finding out about the 'Ancient Egyptians' and 'The Shang Dynasty' of China.

Geography

The children will be learning about the human and physical geography of 'The Americas', looking at North and South America.

Art

This term the children will be using fruit as the inspiration for their work which is linked to James and the Giant Peach. The children will study the artist Guiseppe Arcimboldo who famously painted faces made of fruit.

P.E

This term, the children will be developing their skills in basketball in preparation for a Y5/6 tournament (Thursdays/ outdoor). In addition to this, they will have regular 'mini-gym' sessions (as and when/ indoor- no kit needed). Y4/5 will be doing dance with a visiting coach (Tuesdays/ indoor) and a group of children are working on a dance routine in their own time for a Dance Festival. Next half term they will be having tennis lessons with a coach from the School Sports Partnership.

Computing

The children have regular access to the computers in school which they use for research and writing in many subjects; Maths and English online educational tools; and Kodu and Scratch for programming.

French

The children are learning basic greetings in French as well as numbers, feelings and family members. They will be learning how to write simple sentences and short paragraphs in French.

Homework - to try to make out of school learning as interesting as possible I have provided the children with logins to online learning websites. Your child should already have a copy of their logins but please let me know if you are experiencing any difficulties. Y6 will be getting written work in addition to this. Spellings and home reading will continue.

