

Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter:

Our Frozen Planet



As part of our whole school Big Idea 'Fragile Earth', Year 3's new topic for Autumn term is 'Our Frozen Planet'. We will be focussing on Antarctica and how climate change has affected the continent. We will be looking at what makes up Antarctica and how we can help to conserve it. As part of our DT week, we will making shell structures out of recycled materials.

PSHCE

Following the school-wide approach and using Jigsaw resources, we will be looking at 'Celebrating Differences'.

This will look at how all families are different. We will look at solutions to bullying and how positive and negative words can affect someone's feelings.

DT

In DT we will be looking at shell structures and making our very own keepsake box for the characters from our novel to put things they have collected from their journey.

Geography

We will be learning about Antarctica and how it has been affected by climate change. We will be looking at what we can do to help conserve the continent.

French

Our first topic in French will be J'Apprends Les Salutations. In this topic we will be learning how to introduce ourselves in French, how to ask how others are feeling and say how we feel.

Science

We will be exploring animals including humans. We will be looking at different types of skeletons including the functions of the human skeleton and what makes up a healthy, balanced diet.

PE and Swimming

On Monday, Year 3 will be swimming in the afternoon.

We will have outdoor PE on a Thursday afternoon. We will be exploring how to keep fit.

Occasionally, we may have an extra PE session. We will let the children know when these are so they know to come in PE kit on that day.

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on these days.

Homework

Reading

It is expected that your child reads at home at least 3 times a week. If they do not read at home, they may be asked to stay in at playtime to read with an adult.

Spellings

Spelling will be handed out on a Friday and the children will be tested on them the following Friday. Please practice these with your children at home. Children are expected to practice their spellings on Spelling Shed at least 3 times a week. If they cannot access this at home, they can come to one of the clubs on a lunchtime.

Times tables

Your child will be tested on their times tables regularly in school. Children are expected to practice their times tables on TT Rockstars at least 3 times a week. If they cannot access this at home, they can come to one of the clubs on a lunchtime.

Knowledge organisers

Knowledge organisers will be sent home at the beginning of each new topic. Please look through these with your children and challenge each other to learn the facts and key information on them.

Class Novel

Our new class novels for this half term are Stig of the Dump by Clive King & The Cloud Thief by James Nicol.

Stig of the Dump is a classic novel that explores the friendship between two unlikely characters.

The Cloud Thief is written by a local author and tells of a world ravaged by the effects of climate change.

