Nether Green Junior School

Half termly curriculum newsletter Y3 Autumn 2

Last Half Term

The children have been fantastic in the way they have settled into the new routines; they have had a fantastic start to Y3 and we are so proud of them.

The children have been fully engaged in their history project focussing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Our visit to Creswell Crags helped them to explore Stone Age life in more practical ways. They have also applied their history knowledge to other areas of the curriculum and wrote some wonderful setting descriptions of a Stone Age cave.

They have also enjoyed learning about different rocks in science, testing their permeability.

How to support your child at home

Home learning work will be set each Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Thursday. A description of the task will be in each child's home learning book and in most cases, homework is to be completed in the homework book.

Other home learning tasks will include:

- Times table Rockstar – logins have been sent home.
- Reading - the children will have a reading book that will come home every day.
- Spelling revision – please help your child practise at home.

Useful information

PE days are as follows:

Y3MC: Monday and Thursday

Y3NH – Monday and Thursday

Y3WN – Monday and Thursday

Children need to wear a school PE t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and trainers on PE days. They will need to have long hair tied back. All jewellery must be removed.

Snacks should be kept in children's drawers.

Home learning

- Main task – aimed to consolidate learning in the areas of Geography, Science, English, Maths and Online Safety
- Reading practise
- Fortnightly spelling grid

There will also be optional tasks for the children to complete linked to our projects. In maths tasks, there will be a modelled example of how to carry out the calculation.

Key dates for the year

- Wednesday 4th November- PTA sponsored Rocket Run
- Friday 13th November Children in Need Day
- Tuesday 24th November - Y3 Open classroom 2:45 – 3.20pm
- Wednesday 25th November – Flu immunisations
- Thursday 26th November – Y3/4 PTA cinema club 3:50-5:30pm
- Friday 11th December- PTA Elfridges
- Monday 14th December 5:30pm – Music concert
- Wednesday 16th December - 2:45pm Winter Celebrations
- Wednesday 3rd February - Year 3 Production 2:30pm and 5:30pm
- Wednesday 10th /Thursday 11th February – Parents/Carers evening.
- March - Date TBC – Halle Orchestra trip and Weston Park visit
- April - Date TBC – Botanical Gardens Trip
- Monday 17th May Y3 Open Classroom
- June – Date TBC – River Walk

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Life Skills – We will be looking at our digital lives.

Healthy online friendships

Feeling uncomfortable online

Wellbeing in an online world

Choosing what to do and what to share

Deciding who to trust online

What would a perfect online world be like?

English -

Reading: The whole class book is Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan. The children will delve deeply into this fantasy story, developing their understanding of character and setting. The children will also read short texts linked to their project, 'What is the UK and how do I fit into it?' developing their reading skills in retrieval, inference and vocabulary. They will also look at poetry and First News for current affairs.

Writing: The children will continue to focus on sentence work. They will write a non-Chronological report about Sheffield, linked to their Geography work. Later on in the term, they will look at persuasion and write a persuasive letter.

RE

We will engage in a variety of discussions on our theme of 'Community and Christian values'.

Music: We will continue to cover music fundamentals and take part in winter themed singing.

Maths: We will cover the following topics, using concrete resources:

- Inverse operations (+ and -)
- Mental methods of multiplication and division
- Written methods of multiplication and division

We will focus on using lots of key vocabulary such as arrays, equal, multiples, sharing, grouping, commutative, partition, divide.

Science

Forces – magnetism and friction

We will be taking part in some interesting investigations. We will learn about the magnetic poles, test magnetic objects and use different materials to test friction.

PE: We will cover the following themes:

Skill: Ball Skills

Game: Basketball

Hook: Skipping

Spanish

Animals - we will learn the vocabulary for a variety of animals.

Geography – What is the UK and how do I fit in?

We will learn about:

Countries, counties and cities of the UK, countries in Europe including the UK, the human and physical geography of the UK and trade and migration linked to the UK.

Design Technology

Our project is: Textiles

We will learn a variety of sewing skills and make a winter decoration.

Computing: Branching Databases – we will learn how to use and create these databases.