

Year 3 Newsletter Term 2 Autumn 2

Spain and the UK

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. This term our topic is 'Spain and the UK'. We will be looking at the geographical characteristics of Spain and the UK, as well as finding out about their culture. In addition to this, we will explore living things and their habitats.



English

We will begin the term by writing an image-based poem. We will be focusing on the use of expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and alliteration. In English our writing will be inspired by the book called 'Leon and the Place Between. By Grahame Baker-Smith. We will look closely at the language used to create a fantasy setting and then apply this to our writing. We will use this text to explore the thoughts and feelings of key characters in the story. We will then write a series of diary entries and a setting description.

Maths

We will be focusing on developing our understanding of addition and subtraction, place value and multiplication facts for the 2, 5, and 10 times tables. Rockstars Times Tables challenges will be completed every day to develop the children's recall of multiplication facts.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at habitats. We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. In addition to this, we will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

Topic

Our main topic focus will be Geography. Throughout the term, we will be looking at the world map and locating the continents. We will learn how to use an atlas to locate the main European countries and to identify the major cities of the UK. In addition, we will be tantalizing our taste buds by cooking a Spanish inspired dish and writing the recipe for it.

This term, the RE focus is Christianity. In PSHE, we will be following the national curriculum, where we will be developing our understanding of the effects of alcohol on the body. In computing, children will be learning how to stay safe online.

P.E

Outdoor PE will be on Tuesday; this lesson will be taught by Fit4Sport. This term we will be developing our teamwork and communication skills. Please ensure that the children have suitable clothing for outdoor PE and continue to wear their "Perfect PE Kits" (Black/navy shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers and a white t-shirt). **Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.**

Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday, via Google Classroom, and is due back the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework and one piece of Maths homework each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practising times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class. Please support your child in working towards this.

Reading books are renewed on a Friday, please read with your child as often as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.
Miss Gordon (Scarlet Class) and Aysha Howell (Crimson Class)

