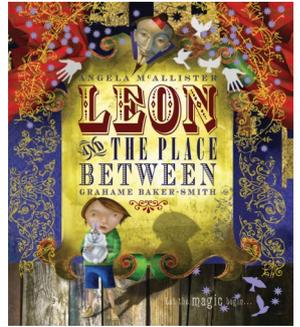


Year 3 Newsletter Term 2 Autumn 2017

Welcome back!

This term our topic in Year 3 will be
'Travelling Circus'



Literacy

In Literacy our writing will be inspired by the book "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 characters thoughts and feelings and show this understanding through a diary entry and story. Through our work in DT (Cooking) we will be looking at recipes and writing instructions including the key features. In poetry, we will be exploring life in the circus and including poetic devices to create a visual image for the reader. We will continue to focus on handwriting, spelling and grammar on a daily basis and apply these in all areas of the curriculum. Guided reading will take place daily, as a carousel of activities, including comprehension, blogging and adult led tasks.

Numeracy

We will be focusing on developing our understanding of multiplication and division facts. Fractions will be explored this term and we will be learning to apply our understanding to solve problems. We will be looking at shapes and identifying their properties. Towards the end of the term, we will develop our understanding of weight and link this to our cooking in DT. We will continue to develop our place value knowledge and use this to add and subtract bigger numbers.

Science

In Science, we will be working scientifically. We will develop key skills of prediction, observation, drawing conclusions and evaluating investigations. We will be inspired by our topic 'Travelling Circus' and carrying out investigations based on balance, trapeze artists and tight rope walkers.

Topic

This term our focus is Geography. We will be looking at the world map and locating continents, the UK and even the origins of famous circuses! In Spanish, we will be learning vocabulary related to the classroom environment and learn a Spanish carol in time for Christmas. We will continue to learn about Christianity and how Christmas is celebrated worldwide.

PE

We will continue to go Swimming every Friday afternoon. Children will need to bring with them suitable swim wear (one piece swimming costumes only for the girls and swimming shorts or trunks for the boys), a towel and a **swimming hat**. There are three groups, each with their own swimming instructor, to cater to their needs.

Outdoor PE will continue to be on a Wednesday. This term we will be learning about Tag Rugby and developing attacking and defending 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).

Key dates this term:

Black History Celebration - Thursday 2nd November- 3.30-5.00pm

Year 3 Sharing Assembly - Thursday 16th November - 9.10am

Home Learning

Home Learning will be handed out on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of literacy homework and one piece of maths homework. We will also be giving out a project related to our topic 'Travelling Circus' due in Wednesday 13th December. However home learning projects are welcome at any point throughout the term.

Please encourage your children to read daily. Your child's book will be changed every Friday once they have returned their book.

Please continue to practice times tables at home because these are essential skills which will be applied in maths. Your child will have a Rockstars login which they can use to practice their times table on a computer

<https://trockstars.com/login>

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day.

Jack Park (Scarlet Class) and Abbey Makeham (Crimson Class).