

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 Term 1 2019/20

Welcome to 2019! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the school year. We have all had a relaxing summer and are really excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

Readers and Writers



This term in writing we will be reading *The Great Explorer*, a story set in the North Pole. We will be writing our own adventure stories, as well as a set of instructions on how to be the ultimate polar explorer. We will be practising a range of skills such as using fronted adverbials to add further information and creating exciting description. We will also be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to support our understanding of explorers. We will be focusing on retrieving information from the text, where the children will practise skimming and scanning the text to find their answers. We will also be making predictions based on evidence, and looking up words that we don't understand, as well as asking questions to deepen our understanding.



Mathematicians

For this term our maths unit is place value and addition and subtraction. We will look at the

value of 3 digit numbers, using Diennes to help us represent the numbers. We will also practise ordering and comparing them, before moving onto addition and subtraction.

We will also continue to learn the multiplication tables, including consolidating our 2s, 5s, and 10s, before moving onto the 3s and 4s. If you type 'Topmarks Bingo' into Google you will get a link to a fun website with bingo games to play with your child, which will really help with their learning of the multiplication tables.

Scientists

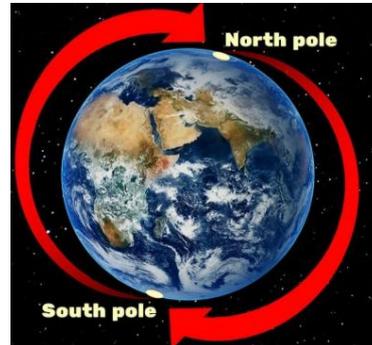
In Science, the children will learn about forces, focusing in particular on magnets. We will experiment to find out which materials are attracted or repelled by magnets. We will also discuss the North and South pole, and the magnetic forces around the Earth.



We will also learn about compasses and how a magnet helps to make these work.

Geographers and Historians

This term we will learn about the North and South pole and the characteristics of these environments, discussing similarities and differences.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching PE to our class. We will cover the key skills of cricket throughout the term. The children will have PE every Tuesday afternoon so please make sure they have their PE kit on that day. PE kits needs to be a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair or trainers.

Forest School



For this half term, the children will be visiting St Werburgh's City Farm to take part in forest school activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to take part in new experiences and explore. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and proper shoes, as we will be going no matter the weather!



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have ten spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday afternoon.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Mathletics activities for them to access online at mathletics.com
We have a new library which the children will use every week. Please find time to read with your child every day.

Yours Sincerely, Miss Wheeldon