



Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Hello, we hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for a new academic year. Please see below all the information for this term in Year 3. We are looking forward to starting the year and learning lots along the way.

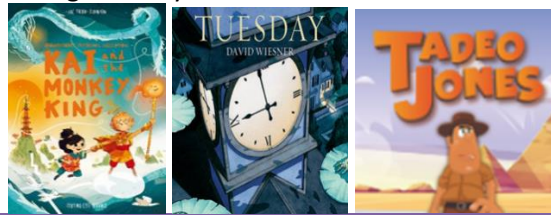


Reading

All children should now have come home with a reading book based on their levels at the end of last year. We will listen to them read over the next week and adjust as needed so please bear with us. Please continue to read at home, record in their pink books and bring to school each day. There is a new reward system in place so if children read at home 4 times in a week they get a sticker and when they have 6 stickers, they get a small prize. Reading in class will consist of 4 class sessions that will include comprehension. The adults in class will also hear all the children read independently at least once over each two-week period.

Writing

In writing, we will have two book studies: 'Kai and the Monkey King' by Joe Todd Stanton and 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. We will also have a short film study called 'Tadeo Jones'. Through these mediums the children will write a narrative, newspaper report, setting descriptions and a diary entry. The children will build up their grammar skills by further learning about nouns and pronouns and learn about the different tenses used in writing. There will be weekly spellings taught with an activity to follow. Spellings will be handed out to children each Monday with a test the following Monday.



Geography

In Geography this term children will be answering the enquiry question 'Why do people live near volcanoes?'. Children will learn features of volcanoes and learn how they formed, describe how volcanoes form at tectonic plate boundaries, explain a mix of negative and positive consequences of living near a volcano and state whether they would or would not want to live near a volcano. Children will also be studying rocks during Geography, learning the different rock types (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic).



Maths

In maths this term children will be consolidating their previous place value knowledge from year 2 and building on that. Children will partition numbers to 100, work on number lines and represent and partition numbers to 1000. Children will also be practicing their addition and subtraction skills working with 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. Additionally to this, children will be focussing on their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. They can practice their timestables from home by logging into their tackling tables accounts. Children will be tested each week on tackling tables.



Science

In science this term our focus will be on movement and nutrition. Children will learn the key functions of the skeleton (movement, support, and protection), identify and name the skull, spine, ribs and pelvis and learn that muscles cause movements in the body, some of which we can control consciously. Children will also be learning how energy is used by the body and make comparisons about the energy demands between people. Children will name foods that are good sources of nutrients and describe what they are needed for in the body. They will also compare different meals and explain which is more balanced by naming the nutrient groups and commenting on the relevant proportions.



Computing

During this half term, children will study two units of Computing; 'Touch typing' and 'Graphing'. Typing, as with handwriting, needs regular practice and the unit will give the children a basic understanding regular and consistent practice. In 'Graphing' children will learn to enter data, make a graph and perform simple sorting.



Music

In music, we will learn what ballads are, how to identify their features and how to convey different emotions when performing them. Using an animation as inspiration, children will carefully select vocabulary to describe the story, before turning them into lyrics by incorporating rhyming words and following the structure of a traditional ballad.



DT

In our DT lessons children will be learning about how fruits and vegetables grow in different countries based on their climates. We will learn that 'seasonal' fruits and vegetables are grown in a given season and that eating seasonal fruit and vegetables has a positive effect on the environment. Children will design their own tart recipe using seasonal ingredients, learning the basic rules of food hygiene/safety and follow the instructions within a recipe.



PE

This term in PE we will have rugby lessons every Monday and we will be having swimming lessons at Corby swimming pool every Tuesday morning.



PSHE

This term we will re-introduce 'The Zones of Regulation' and children will complete activities around this and discuss ways to regulate their emotions.



MFL

By the end of our Spanish unit this term we will be able to locate Spain, Madrid and a few key cities on a map. We will say our name, how we are feeling, learn up to 10 colours and count from 1-10 in Spanish.



Homework Project

In geography we will be learning lots about volcanoes therefore for a homework project you could create a piece of volcano artwork or draw a volcano and label parts of it. You could even have a go at building a volcano out of playdough or create a poster about them. Any homework completed can be handed in and will be displayed in our classroom. Completing homework projects gets you ClassDojo points!



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Giraffes Class Teacher: Ms Sproson (Mon- Wednesday) and Mrs Powers (Wednesday-Friday)

Cheetahs Class Teacher: Miss Jones

Supported by: Miss Maciorowska and Mrs Fuller

Please remember to name your child’s school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



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Dates for the diary!



CPC Key Dates 2024-2025



Autumn 1

Monday 2nd September – Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September – Training Day

W/B Monday 9th September- Reception children start- am and lunch only

W/B Monday 16th September- Reception children start full time

Friday 20th September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Wednesday 25th September – Reception Parents’ Phonics Session – timings tbc

W/B 30th September – Parents’ Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Thursday 10th October – School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 15th October – Parents’ Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 16th October – Parents’ Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Thursday 17th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 25th October school closes to pupils for Half Term

