Class 3 Topic Letter Autumn Term 2 2019



CLASS 3

Class Teacher - Mrs E Fletcher (Monday - Thursday)

Mrs B Athey - Fridays supported by HLTA Mrs Chisholm and TA Mrs Morris



In Literacy the children will be looking at Biography and Autobiography texts about authors Roald Dahl and Michael Morpurgo, as well as linking to our History studies by learning about the life of Anne Frank and reading Michelle Magorian's Goodnight Mr Tom.

We will be writing Instruction and Explanation texts based on aspects of WWII.

We will also look at creating our own classic fiction texts, adapting Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So' Stories.

We will continue to develop our reading comprehension skills through our guided reading sessions and use of Accelerated Reader, as well as increasing understanding of written grammar through writing analysis.

The children will be expected to learn, use and spell correctly all of the spellings from the Years 3,4,5, and 6 spelling lists. This will be tested randomly at points throughout the week and expected to spell these words correctly in their everyday work.



Music - The children experienced a variety of work in music and also traditional country dancing with our Music Specialist Ms Buckingham last

half term and will be working with the Pop UK Team on our 'Christmas in a Day' performance.

Computing

We will be developing our understanding of the app Adobe Spark and also using film to enhance our own book and film reviews.





The children will be developing their

swimming on Mondays using a new and improved swimming programme of work that swimming teachers now follow. I will be closely monitoring standards so that all children have an effective lesson. On Monday afternoons Mrs Athey will be delivering either: football, netball or hockey so please ensure that full kit is in school. To be time effective it would be helpful if children can wear their PE kit of T shirt, grey jogging bottoms, PE hoodie and trainers on Mondays. On Fridays there will also be a PE lesson with Mrs Athey this will be either: football, netball or hockey.

Numeracy

Number

- -Place Value (2 weeks)
- Four Operations and mental strategies
 (4 weeks)



We will continue to improve our Problem Solving and Reasoning skills and strategies through daily tasks.

Please note: ALL children MUST know their times tables and be able to recall quickly.

We are working hard as a school to help our children to become confident and fluent mathematical thinkers. We will continue our daily arithmetic lessons so that we are able to answer questions at speed.

In addition to our daily lessons, it would be helpful if your child could go on School 360 Times Table blast and KS2 SATS Blaster at least 4 x per week to develop speed and fluency.

In our PSHE and Forest School

lessons we will be continuing to look at people who inspire us and motivate us to do well, such as



Laura Weightman. We will also be carefully preparing both year groups for their eventual transition to Secondary School and have a variety of transition work already planned. We will also learn about responsibility and caring for others whilst looking after our chickens. We will also be learning to be more independent and keep ourselves safe.



In RE - We use the Northumberland County Council

Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and will be looking at how religions are celebrated around the world.

Art - Following our work with Ms

Buckingham we will be carrying out an art project with local artist, John

Craggs under the theme of

Northumbrian Wildlife. We will also be creating re-usable canvas bags with this theme to sell during our Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th November.

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In Science / STEM - we are looking at animals including humans. The children will be able to explain how humans change from birth to old, understand the circulatory system and the importance of a healthy, balanced diet.





In History this term we will be learning all about the key events of World War Two.

In Geography the children will locate the world's countries, using

maps, and name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom.

As a class we will be taking part in UK Parliament Week activities this half term. We have set up our own School Parliament and we are working alongside other local schools to hold debates on a range of topics. Given the current political climate, it is particularly important that the children understand the impact of politics on our country.

REMINDER: Old shoes/wellies should be kept in school on pegs for outdoor activities in a clearly named bag.

Please could you ensure all equipment and clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Many thanks, Mrs Fletcher.

