

Year 3

Welcome back to your second half term of Spring in Year 3. We hope that your week off was satisfying, whether it was an action packed week of fun, or a week of relaxing and recharging your batteries!

This will be Mrs Reynolds' first full term with Class 7 and it promises to be a fun one, with the Year 3 school trip to Skipton Castle coming up this term.

Get ready to find out all about castles!

RWI

Children will continue with their Read Write Inc activities that introduce new sounds and unfamiliar spelling patterns.

Consolidation will take place through reading and writing activities based on 'Castles'.

English

This half term we will be looking at the fiction text 'Castles' by Colin Thompson. The lessons will continue to give opportunity for your child to develop their reading and writing skills, with tasks surrounding comprehension, spelling and grammar. Literacy outcomes will focus on writing a persuasive letter, writing a story and creating a wanted poster.

Maths

This term, children will begin by revisiting their knowledge on 2-D and 3-D shape, followed by statistics and fractions. Towards the end of the half term, children will be exploring position and direction, leading on to time. As an ever present focus this school year, the children will continue to consolidate their times table knowledge. To help your child learn their tables, make sure they log into their Timestable Rockstars account at home.

Science

This term we will be investigating 'Our changing world' exploring how plants and leaves change throughout the year. They will use their enquiry skills to answer questions such as, 'How do leaves change?' and 'What colour are berries?'.



French

Your child will have half an hour of French taught by our specialist teacher, Madame Woodcock.

DT

We will be looking at creating books in Design and Technology, which will link to our topic Castles.

Study Unit

In our study unit, we will look at different types of castles and how they were made. We will also look at the structure, the surroundings and the decision making behind why castles look the way that they do and the materials used to build them. This half term, your child will be learning the following vocabulary: dungeons, crusades, peasants, apprentices, crest, heir, throne, monarch, invade, settlement, rivalry, tactics, trench.

Physical Education

During this half term, your child will take part in Movement and Fitness. Children will discuss what fitness means and complete a variety of challenges individually, in pairs and in teams. They will also take part in dance. Each week, PE will take place on Monday (Class 7) or Friday (Class 8) for the first 4 weeks, followed by Thursday for the final 2 weeks.

Reading

Your child will bring home 1 book. Please ensure that you are reading with your child at home at least three times a week. Reading records and books need to be in everyday so that teachers can read with children. Please remember to sign when you have read with your child so that their class teacher can monitor their reading at home from school.

A Final Note..

Children can buy toast at a charge of 10p per slice. Please make sure that the money for this is given on a Monday for the week (if your child wants it). Children can buy a piece of fruit for 20p per piece and can buy this at last playtime. Alternatively, they can bring a piece of their own.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school, as some children are forgetting! Remember that any earrings cannot be removed by adults in school and these need to be removed before attending school on PE days. We can no longer cover them with plasters either.

Reminder: Please ensure that all paperwork for the school trip to Skipton Castle is returned to school promptly to guarantee your child's place for this wonderful and educational trip. Thank you, Mr Walmsley and Mrs Reynolds :)

