



Grange Farm Primary School

Spring in 3H

Happy new year and welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and enjoyed a well earned rest... There's lots going on this term, so this newsletter is intended to give you some useful information about what we are going to be getting up to. I hope it's another one full of laughter and learning!

Mr Higginson

English

This term in English we will be covering a variety of text types, including fictional stories, instructional writing and performance poetry. The children will be given many opportunities to write in different styles and will also be consolidating spelling, punctuation and grammar skills from the Autumn term, whilst progressing further with the Year 3 curriculum.

Spelling

On a Thursday, children will continue to be given weekly spellings to practice at home, using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write Check' strategy. This sheet should be returned by the following Thursday, when the children will be tested. Please don't be alarmed if the children come home with some of the same spellings again this term, it is all part of the consolidation process.

Reading

The children are responsible for changing their own reading book. Please could you sign the reading diary to say that your child has read at home during the week. Also, stay tuned for more information on 'Accelerated Reader', coming soon!

Homework

This term, the children will continue to receive weekly homework relating to their guided reading text. This should be completed in the yellow reading journal and returned to school the following week. Homework days will vary depending on your child's guided reading group. Furthermore, there will be varied homework sent home on a Friday, to be completed for the following Friday. This will cover a range of other curriculum areas.

This term's creative curriculum...

Our topic this term is 'Gods and Mortals', where we will be learning all about the life and times of the Ancient Greeks. We will be discovering a fantastical world full of mythical creatures and legendary heroes! Greek gods reign supreme from the top of Mount Olympus, as they look down upon the mere mortals walking the dusty Athenian streets... Togas at the ready, everyone!

Other Curriculum Areas

Some subjects will be taught separately from our main topic theme. These include:

Computing: Our focus this term will be on E-Safety.

Music: We will be following the Charanga scheme, which covers a variety of different musical styles!

RE: The children will be learning all about different aspects of Christianity, with Mrs Tigbe.

Science: We will be learning all about the break down of rock into soil, plus lots about the function of the skeleton and muscles within the human body.

PE Days

The children will be taking part in PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that kit is in school everyday, in case of any changes. Some sessions will be led by a sports coach.

Dates / Trips

Diary dates come out every week on the newsletter and are also available on the website. Parents evenings this term are on March 14th and 15th. Please note that Friday, March 16th, is a Training Day. Keep your eyes peeled for details on any upcoming trips and events.

Staff

Alongside myself, the children will be supported by Mrs Weaver and Miss Wright. They will also be familiar with the rest of the Year 3 team, Miss Morris and Mrs Corkish.

Communication

Most letters now come by email and are available on the website. Do make sure we have your up to date email address and contact details.

Maths

These objectives form the maths curriculum for the whole year and most are covered each term:

- Count in 4s, 8s, 50s, 100s and tenths from zero
- Read, write, compare and order numbers to at least 1000
- Know the place value of each digit in three-digit numbers
- Find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number
- Add and subtract ones, tens and hundreds to or from three-digit numbers mentally, two two-digit numbers where the answers could exceed 100
- Add and subtract three-digit numbers using formal written columnar methods
- Tables and division facts for x3, x4 and x8
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator
- Develop formal written multiplication and division methods for two-digit by one-digit numbers
- Begin to understand unit and non-unit fractions as numbers on a number line, and deduce relations between them, such as size and equivalence
- Measure the perimeter of simple shapes
- Tell the time to the nearest minute using analogue clocks
- Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts
- Draw 2D and make 3D shapes
- Recognise and describe 3D shapes in different orientations
- Recognise that angles are a property of shape or a description of turn, using right angles as a marker
- Horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines
- Understand and use simple scales (e.g. 2, 5, 10 units per cm) in pictograms and bar charts
- Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas