

Dear Class 3 Parents,

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Welcome back to a term. I hope you had a lovely time over Christmas and New Year and are excited for another busy and fun term ahead!

This term's learning in Class 3 will be focused around their new topic 'Potions, Explosion and Dreams.' In class we will be using two exciting stories by Roald Dahl, George's Marvellous Medicine and The BFG to inspire our learning this term. Below is a curriculum outline to explain in more detail what we will be learning about.

<p><b>English:</b> During Spring term 1, the class will be reading George's Marvellous Medicine and using the story as a stimulus to help us write: a recipe for how to make medicine; a persuasive TV advert to persuade people to buy our own imaginary medicine and our own story in the style of Roald Dahl.</p> <p>Within Spring term 2, the children will be writing their own poems in the style of Michael Rosen and exploring the story/film of The BFG.</p>	<p><b>Maths:</b> This terms focuses in Maths will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiplication and Division</li> <li>• Measurement: Length, perimeter and area.</li> <li>• Number: Fractions and decimals.</li> </ul> <p>We encourage the children to keep practicing their times tables in school and at home. Year 3's times table focus is the <b>4 times table</b>. Year 4's times table focus is the <b>7 times tables</b>.</p> <p>(Some children may have different individual times tables to practise. All children are made aware of the times tables they need to practise at the start of the term).</p>	<p><b>Science:</b> This term in Science the children will be exploring the physics unit - Electricity.</p> <p>Within their topic lessons the children will be learning all about significant and famous scientists in history. This will include Edward Jenner, John Snow, Louis Pasteur and Joseph Lister.</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> This terms topic will be focused around the history of medicine.</p> <p>The children will be learning about unusual and strange remedies used within the early stages of history and understanding the significance of scientific discoveries in helping change the way people are treated today.</p> <p>The time periods we will explore include: prehistoric times, Roman, Tudor, Victorian, Georgian and the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p>	<p><b>PE:</b> This term the children will be creating their own dance inspired by the song 'A million dreams.'</p> <p>They will also participate in tag rugby sessions after the February half term. The class will also be having 10 week block of swimming lessons on Friday afternoons.</p> <p>P.E. lessons in school will normally take place on Thursday afternoon, however please can we ensure that PE kits are in for the whole week in case of any changes that may occur.</p>	<p><b>RE/Worship:</b> This term in R.E. the children will be exploring the Gospels and trying to answer the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'</p> <p>After February half term the class will be studying the Salvation unit and exploring the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'</p> <p>During our class worship lessons the children will explore the value of Forgiveness, and how as individuals we can make amends for our actions.</p>

**Art/D.T:**

This term in Art the children will be using George's Marvellous Medicine as inspiration for their art work. As part of their wow day, the children learnt how to draw themselves in the style of Quentin Blake.

During our Live, Learn and Flourish week the children learnt all about the artist Paul Klee and used his abstract techniques to draw their own portrait. They also learnt the style of Pop Art and used this technique to create their own picture in the style of Pop Art to represent the different Olympic and Paralympic values.

At the end of their Science topic Electricity, the children will be designing and creating their own game with an electric component to it.

**Other curriculum areas:**

This term the children will be continuing to learn simple phrases in French with Mrs Delrosa.

Class 3's will also be visiting the school library. The children will have the opportunity to pick their own book which they would like to borrow to read at home and during independent reading time in class.

During the afternoons, Class 3 will also participate in PSHCE lessons focused around the themes of rules and rights, and understanding and practicing democracy.

**Exciting events happening this term**

To introduce the new topic, the children enjoyed a WOW day. As part of their wow day, the children learnt how to illustrate in the style of Quentin Blake, and explored different Science experiments linked to George's Marvellous Medicine including creating rainbow rain and a foaming fizzy potion. (All pictures from the day will be shared on our Class page).

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, all of KS2 will be attending a trip to SkillZONE in Gloucester. The trip has been chosen to relate to this year's E-safety day. SkillZONE features a highly realistic life-size village which is fully interactive which enables the children to experience different situations and recognise potential dangers in a safe way.

Finally, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am, Class 3 will be delivering class worship for parents and the whole school to watch. This will be an opportunity for Class 3 to showcase their learning this term and their wonderful work.

**Homework**

Every term we are amazed by the excellent response and quality of the children's topical homework and enjoy sharing the children's pieces on the share day. We do ask for children to try and complete a range of homework pieces (including at least one 10 point task) across a range of subject areas. The deadline for all homework pieces to be brought in this term will be on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, ready to share during the morning of **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. However if any homework is finished prior to the share day, they are welcome to bring it into school earlier.

Alongside the topic homework maps, we ask children to continue to read at home regularly, use Mathletics to encourage Maths practice and to keep practicing their times tables. If you require any more Rainbow Maths sheets to keep practicing at home, they are now available on the school website or please feel free to pop in and ask for some.

I am sure we will have an enjoyable spring term back at school!

Kind regards  
Miss Walker