Year 3 Newsletter

Term 2 Driving questions:

How can art be an aid to better citizenship and support people's mental health?

How should our towns and villages be developed sustainably?

Term 1 Achievements

Year 3 had a fantastic term settling into KS2. Both classes have settled really well and they were fully engaged and enthusiastic when learning about towns and villages. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Natural History Museum which provided them with amazing experiences to help bring their learning to life. In literacy, pupils worked hard on our class story 'The Tunnel' and used this to create their own short burst portal texts. Additionally, the children have explored the book 'Belonging' by Jeannie Baker and used this to develop their inference, prediction and explanation skills. This led to in-depth discussions about a range of issues such as the passing of time, sustainability and the environment.

In addition to this, Year 3 have recapped and applied their number bond knowledge in maths to begin solving mental addition and subtraction problems and they are becoming increasingly confident with place value.

Literacy

In Term 2, we will be exploring poetry. Following this, we will be exploring the book 'Leon and the place between' where the children will be making personal judgements about the text and its interesting layout as well as the impact that this has on the reader. As the class novel, we will be reading "Varjak Paw" by S.F. Said who is a famous British author.



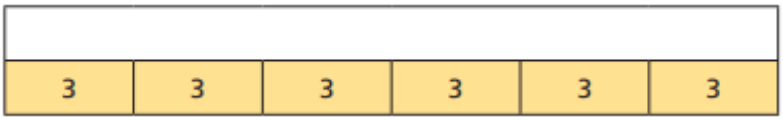
We made our own class tunnel to ignite the imagination flame in our pupils minds and supporting their ideas to write their own Tunnel story.

At home: You could share poems with your child and try to get them to read it aloud with expressions and discuss vocabulary choices with them. You could continue to read your child's accelerated reader book with them at home or complete quizzes about books that they have at home already if they are on the accelerated reader book list. Your child could also practise their cursive handwriting.

Useful Website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbkf4j/articles/zbm8scw Play a game to practise your spelling and grammar with 'Crystal Explorers'.

Maths

We will be continuing to consolidate our number calculation skills using mental and written methods to answer addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. We will then be moving on to problem solving techniques including missing number problems e.g. 11 x ___ = 44.
We will also be using bar models to help represent multiplication and division e.g.



At home: Can you learn your 3 times table?

Useful Websites: https://www.timestables.co.uk/ (Free games and learning strategies)
https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check
Useful Apps: Times Table Rockstars, Hit The Button and Pixl Times Tables.

Physical Education

In Term 2 we will be completing some dance during our indoor sessions and working on football skills outdoors. Towards the end of term we will hold a Year 3 inter-house family football competition for pupils to earn points for their house. We will also be developing ball skills including dribbling, passing and shooting with a focus on teamwork skills and basic tactics.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. We will be going out no matter what the weather so please ensure your child has the correct PE kit including warm tracksuit jackets and bottoms with their name in as well as trainers and socks.

Geography

Our unit this term is 'Village or town?' We are learning all about Banbury, starting with identifying where we live using a world map, before looking at more detailed maps of Oxfordshire and our local area. We will continue to develop map reading skills by going on a tour of the school, as well as learning to identify the main points on a compass and reading keys on a map. In addition, we will start to discuss differences between Banbury and our surrounding villages, including how these have changed over time. We are hoping this will be consolidated by a trip to Horley where we will get to observe life in a village and recognise the similarities and differences for ourselves.

At home: What can you find out about Banbury? Can you learn the Banbury Cross nursery rhyme off by heart? What could you write about your favourite place in Banbury?

Art

This term's creative focus is art. In Year 3 we will be printing. Our printing will be based on the famous artists Georges Seurat, Paul Signac and Andy Warhol, taking inspiration from their unique styles, such as 'pointillism' and 'pop art'. We will also explore how Aboriginal art links to pointillism. We will explore printing, creating our own '3 colour' overlay print. We will be creating interesting patterns and we will be getting rather Christmassy too!.

We will be exploring how art can develop a community spirit and will be turning some of our artwork into effective Christmas cards which will be sent to local care homes.

REMINDERS AND DATES

PE Days – Wednesday and Thursday

Monday 2nd November– Back to school after half term.
Thursday 5th November - Flu vaccinations.
Thursday 12th November - 9 – 10am - Parent pod for parents of all year groups - see poster in the office or online at: https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/about-us/dashwood-action-committee/
Friday 13th November – Sibling photos
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November - Parents Evening
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day – children can wear odd socks to school in support of Anti-bullying
Monday 16th-Friday 20th November - Anti - Bullying Week.
Thursday 19th November – 4-5pm – Reception open evening for new pupils for September 2027
Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 and Christmas Jumper/Party Dress
Monday 4th January – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 5th January - First day back after Christmas Holidays

Formal speech

Recycling

Important Information –
to keep our country tidy – 2 November 2018

As of next month, a new recycling system will be trialled. It is vital that all households within the Banbury district use this system correctly, as it is crucial to reducing landfill waste.

On 3 December, a list of items that should be recycled into the correct colour-coded bin will be issued. It is important that you read the list carefully, check your recycling collection days and separate items carefully as described.

Households, which have more than five residents, will be allocated larger recycling bins as well as more frequent collection days.

If we are successful in making these changes, we will benefit from a tidier and more environmentally friendly community.

Your support is necessary. All citizens must ensure that they are not wasteful. Please keep this information for your reference.