

Year 3 Spring Term 2020

Welcome back from Miss Dowsell and Mr Emeny



Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year from the Year 3 team. Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you for the gifts we received at the end of the Christmas Term. We are very grateful and touched by your generosity. I hope you have had a good rest over the Christmas Holiday and you are looking forward to a great term ahead! Below, are a few reminders for this term and an insight into what we will be covering.

Maths:

This term we will be continuing our work following the Herts Essential Maths plans. We will mainly be focusing on multiplication and division and the relationships between the two and then moving onto fractions. Furthermore, we will be continuing with Times Tables Rockstar. We will be taking a short times tables test 3 times a week and trying to beat our personal bests. You can also still practise at home and we have allocated Timetables to all the children. If you need logins for this then please do let us know and we can send these to you. Levels range from Garage rocker to Rock Hero; we are looking forward to see who can make it as a Times tables Rock Star before the Summer Term!

English:

In English this term we are going to be continuing with the CLPE love of reading scheme. We are going to be starting with a book called Tales of Wisdom which we will use to touch upon poetry, story writing, fact files and more. In Spelling, Comprehension and Grammar we are going to continue with our work on reading comprehension as well as touching upon expanded noun phrases, homophones, determiners and paragraphs. In addition, we have our weekly guided reading session; like last term we are going to be going through books together as a group and each week a homework task will be set, which could either be a comprehension exercise or a reading exercise. Please write in the reading diaries whenever you can, even if it's not the guided reading book given, so that we can keep track of reading at home. As part of your child's continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. In the Year 3 section of the school website you will find a recommended reading list. Library books will also be going out and changed if needed on Friday afternoons. Spellings will still be being set on a Friday ready for the test the following Thursday.

Science:

In Science this term we are going to be moving onto forces and magnets. We are very excited to get everyone investigating as much as possible and developing the children's curiosity. In the second half of the term we are going to be moving onto animals and the human body. Thank you for all your support with the Science

Parents evening

11th and 13th
February 2020

Year 3D class assembly - Friday

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Roald Dahl Museum trip

25th March 2020

We are going to be going on a trip to the Road Dahl Museum. If anyone would like to help on this trip could you please let me know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

homework last term, investigating the rocks around us. The projects look fantastic and its brilliant to see all the pupils observations.

Geography:

Continuing from the children's great work they did last term on volcanoes and earthquakes, this half term we are going to be creating our own volcanoes. In addition, we will be having a look at the environment and landmarks of England.

History:

In History, we are going to be continuing with our work on the Ancient Greeks. We will be starting with the Gods and Goddesses and then moving onto Greek Soldiers and what it must have been like for them. If you have any books you would like to bring in to show the class, then feel free to bring them in.

Music:

Mrs Lines is going to continue coming in on Monday afternoons to teach the recorder, so please ensure the children remember to bring their recorder in. Make sure they also take these homes after the Monday lesson so they can practise at home, the recorders should not be stored for the week in their trays.

Computing:

Last term we focused on coding in computing and everyone did a brilliant job and created some brilliant programs. In Computing, this term, we are going to continue focusing on debugging and then moving onto being presenters, which we will be using video for. In addition, we are going to develop skills using PowerPoint, word and the internet.

D&T:

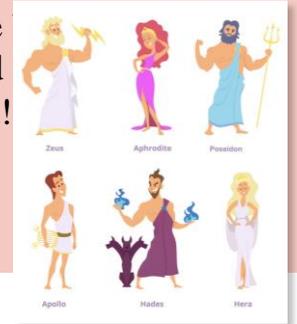
In D&T this term we are going to be studying textiles. We will be creating cushions out of old t-shirts and clothes. Therefore, if you do have any old t-shirts that you were planning on throwing away could you please bring them in; this will be greatly appreciated.

P.E

In P.E this half term, in addition to the daily run, we will be looking at sports such as Gymnastics and Tag rugby. If any child does these outside of school we will be using their expertise in the classroom to help fellow classmates. We will be doing P.E on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. Therefore, the children will need to bring P.E kit for these days and sensible, safe trainers for outdoor P.E. Please make sure all kits are brought in as we had to give out a lot of spare clothing by the end of last term. Also, please make sure that warm P.E kit is provided, such as tracksuit bottoms and jumpers as it is going to be getting colder and we would like to be able to go outside as much as we can.

Reading challenge!

In order for all children to push themselves when it comes to reading we have agreed to start a reading challenge. All children will be put into mixed groups and the group who have read the most pages over the term win a prize. If your child finishes a book at home please feel free to write down the pages of the give in so we can add chart!



Assembly:

Our assembly will be taking place on [Friday 20th March 2020](#) at [9am](#). Please note that all scripts and costume instructions will be given out nearer the time.

HOME STUDY:

Home study tasks will continue to be set on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday. It is important that your child hands in completed tasks on time and your help with this is very much appreciated. If MyMaths is not completed there will be a home study club taking place in the classroom on a Wednesday lunchtime. There is a section in the literacy workbook for you to sign.

Any more information you would like about the curriculum in Year 3 can be found on the school website

<https://maple.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overview/>.

For regular updates on what is happening in the Year 3 classroom, please follow us on Twitter [@MapleSchoolYr3](https://twitter.com/MapleSchoolYr3). For whole school news and events please go to

www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk

Thank you, for taking the time to read this newsletter. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. If you ever have any queries feel free to pop in and see me in the classroom after school or make an appointment with the admin team.

Best wishes,

Miss Dowsell and the Year 3 team!