

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

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The term has had a flying start with the children presenting their fantastic Titanic home learning and it has certainly provided them with a drive to continue to explore the history surrounding the 'unsinkable' ship!

Below is brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 3 this half term.

| Subject | |
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| Literacy | <p>Writing - We will be reading the story Kaspar and using the characters within it, alongside our knowledge of the Titanic, to write our own Titanic letter, diary and story. We will be focusing on applying our use of question marks, exclamation marks, paragraphs and using inverted commas to show direct speech. We will be learning to accurately use a or an before a noun, use adverbs to show how and when something is done and use of prepositions to show the position of the noun.</p> <p>We will be continuing to ensure we use the correct homophone to show the correct meaning of the word and the use of double consonants in some words. We will be revisiting the correct use of suffix endings such as ed, est, ing and ness and learning to use prefixes un, dis and mis.</p> <p>Reading - We will be focusing on understanding inference and identifying what is fact and what can be implied. We will be identifying statements within a piece of text to provide possible reasons behind a character's actions, behaviours and feelings.</p> |
| Numeracy | <p>We will be recapping our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and use these facts to help us solve multiplication and division problems. We will be learning to use mental strategies to multiply as well as the formal column method of multiplying a two digit number by a 1 digit number.</p> <p>We will be learning to use our knowledge of our times tables to solve real-life problems and be able to write explanations for answers we have given.</p> <p>We will be mentally multiplying and dividing a number by 10 so that we can quickly solve problems. For example $3 \times 4 = 12$ so $30 \times 4 = 120$, $12 \div 4 = 3$ so $120 \div 4 = 30$</p> |
| Topic - History/ Geography | <p>Our topic this term is called Titanic. During topic time we will be investigating the history of Titanic and use this information to write a chronological report applying our knowledge of paragraphing, interesting punctuation, conjunctions and inverted commas to show direct speech.</p> <p>In Geography we will be looking at the local area and particularly focus on areas of Southampton where crew members from the Titanic came from. We will also be looking at major cities within the UK and identify possible reasons behind their position.</p> |
| ICT | We will be building on our knowledge of using child appropriate search engines to explore the history of Titanic. |
| RE | We will be exploring the subject of temptation and making choices. |
| Music | We are continuing with the "Everyone Plays" Project and the whole year group will be playing the recorder this term. The children who have played before in Infant School will be able to develop their playing skills and those who have not played before will have the chance to learn a range of notes and develop a good recorder technique. |
| Art | We will be exploring the use of iPads and cameras to produce black and white photograph. We will be looking at the history of photography. |
| French | We will start by learning the months of the year and use vocabulary in later weeks when our focus is 'Our birthday'. We will be learning parts of the body and link this with our knowledge of colours and numbers when we design a monster! |

Library - Friday

PE - outdoor Tag rugby (Mon), indoor Dance (Thurs)

Important Dates: 24th January trip to Seacity museum. Letter to follow shortly.

20th March 9am recorder concert