

Amethyst Class Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Mrs Warrick, Miss Barnes and I have enjoyed seeing the children again after the break. There is a lot planned so the spring term is going to be busy!

Responsibilities

We are still working towards earning stickers for our Rewards and Recognition chart. Our new behaviour scheme, Good To Be Green, is being used in class.

Reading

The children will soon be re assessed using our Accelerated reading programme. I cannot stress enough how important it is that the children read at home to an adult. **Children should be reading at home at least 5 times a week and one of these should be to an adult.** Children who read more have ideas and language that they can apply in their own writing. It also gives them a chance to become more aware of a range of punctuation and to develop fluency and expression when reading aloud.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out every Friday and be expected back in school by the following Thursday. This will always be spellings, reading and a maths task. The children should also be practicing their times tables regularly.

Guided Reading

During guided reading lessons this term, the children will be reading Stone Age Boy, which links nicely with our history topic. After February half term, we will be reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. These texts will also be the inspiration for our writing in English.

English

Linking with guided reading, the children will use Stone Age Boy and our history topic to inform their writing. After February half term, our focus will be the Iron Man, where the children will write their own stories. In Science, the children are going to make their own magnetic games and will write the instructions for them in English.

Spellings

The children will learn throughout the year statutory Year 3 spellings and there will be a spelling test every Friday. **It is beneficial for spellings to be practiced every day at home.**

Science

This term the children will learn about forces and magnets. This exceptionally practical unit will end in the children designing and creating their own magnetic games.

Maths

During the spring term the children will revisit their skills and develop existing ones in multiplying and dividing, mass and capacity, length and perimeter and fractions. During our Friday revision lessons, we will be revisiting topics from our autumn term assessments. The main focus of these sessions will be reasoning and problem solving. We will continue with our afternoon maths workout sessions, which focus on learning and practicing times tables.

Topic

This term, we are going back in time to learn about the Bronze Age, Iron Age and Stone Age. We will explore different artefacts and historical information to decide what it would have been like to live in that period.

French

In KS2, the children have weekly French lessons with our French tutor Madame Plumb. This term the children will be learning to read, write and speak about what people look like. Fantastique!

PE

The children's PE sessions will be Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon for the first half term. Tuesday will be dance (inside) and Wednesday dodgeball (outside). The children must come to school in their PE kits on these two days. Jewellery must not be worn for PE and long hair should be tied up. After half term, the PE sessions may change. You will be informed, by Parentmail, of the days before February half term.

RE

This term the children will finish our Christianity topic, "What is the Trinity?". We will then move on to "What is philosophy? How do people make moral decisions?"

PSHE

The children's social and emotional well-being is paramount. We have a class worry bear that the children are free to use which will be checked daily by a class adult (the bear can hold the notes they write). We also plan to have frequent circle time sessions to run alongside our PSHE lessons.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to another fun filled term.

Mrs Laban

