



# Class 3 Curriculum Update

## March 2023

### Values: Diversity and Trust

#### *Out and About.*

The children had a fantastic end to this theme as they climbed The Cat's Back. This hill climb really did challenge the children and needed them to show true determination (ask Mrs Lee - she needed it herself!) and many levels of resilience. It was a tough 5 miles with steep climbs, strong winds, uneven ground and finished off with rain! We were all extremely proud of your children and saw them achieve so much personally and as part of a team with the way they encouraged each other to keep going.

Our next theme, **Athens v Sparta** will see the children learning about Ancient Greece and will take more of a history focus.

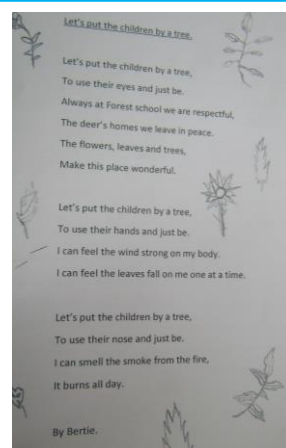
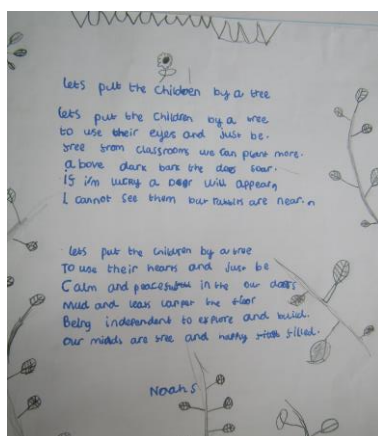
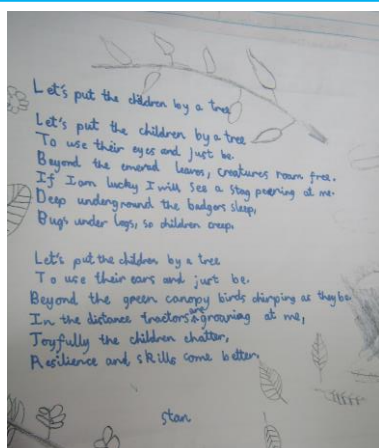


#### *Writing*

As writers, the children are learning to use a range of sentence structures and develop their vocabulary choices. The children are enjoying this challenge and in particular are enjoying using the different colour related vocabulary. The children use the resources well to enhance their vocabulary choices and apply this in their writing.

As writers, we are trying our best to learn our spelling patterns and apply them in our writing. Spelling Shed really is supporting our progress in this area.

Recently, we wrote some engaging poems about Forest School inspired by a line 'Put the children by a tree'. Below are some examples but see the class 3 page of the website to see everyone's poems.



## **#talkaway**

Year 3 (and Year 4) will be taking part in the #talkaway project with the Courtyard.

Talk Away, Don't Walk Away. #TalkAwayDontWalkAway is The Courtyard's mental health awareness project for young people in Herefordshire. Using drama, practical exercises and games, children explore what mental health is. They also look at ways that they can look after their mental health and promote positive wellbeing.

The project started in 2018, working with pupils in secondary schools and colleges. We have now developed the project to work with primary school pupils aged 4-11 with practical workshops, as well as a digital project, which focuses on the five steps to wellbeing. Herefordshire Mind have helped support and guide the creation of these workshops. Practitioners who lead the sessions are also trained in Mental Health First Aid.

The project started with a workshop from a Courtyard practitioner this week. We learnt about what mental health is and what we can do to look after our mental health. We are confident this will be an excellent and engaging project for our class. In the coming weeks, we will be working on our 5-minute performance that we will be able to share with other schools and you in a performance at the Courtyard. The performance will take place in May (date and times -an evening performance- to be confirmed with you).

A selection of photos from the workshop are below.



## **Homework**

The children have weekly homework.

Maths - TT Rockstars. The expectation is to play 4/5 games per week day.

Reading - The children should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per day and record this so that it will count towards their 40 reads.

Spelling - Spelling Shed. The expectation is to play 4/5 games per week day.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries. We are always happier to get things sorted at the earliest possible time.

The Year 3 team.