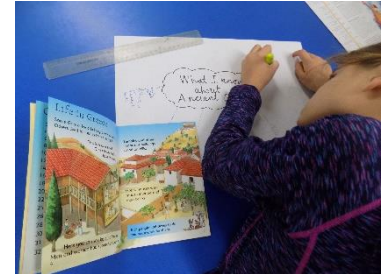
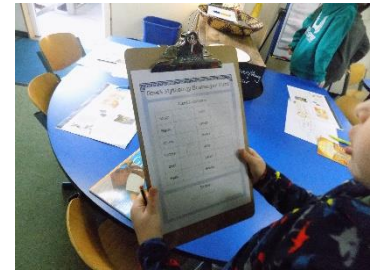


Class 3 Curriculum Update

January 2024

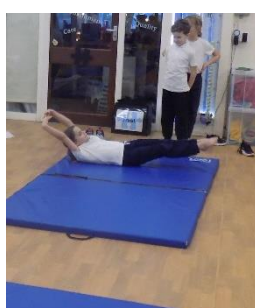
January's Values: Hope and care
February's Values: Respect and sustainability



Since the beginning of this term Year 3 have been learning about Ancient Greece, in particular Athens and Sparta. We have begun looking at Ancient Greek mythical beasts and gods, the city states that made up Ancient Greece and ordered some key events on a timeline. The children have been split up into two teams and have undertaken some challenges in their two city states (Athens and Sparta). At Forest School, they designed some logos and have begun creating some natural crowns as well as undertaking some Olympic style challenges to compete against one another. These challenges will continue over the coming weeks.

The children will also go on to learn about on how the Greeks used to live, including the key aspect of mythology, highlighting the concepts that characterized Ancient Greece, especially Athens and Sparta. At Forest School, they designed some logos and have begun creating some natural crowns as well as undertaking some Olympic style challenges to compete against one another. These challenges will continue over the coming weeks.

In science, the children have been looking closely at the appearance and physical properties of different rocks and carrying out investigations to look at the hardness, durability and permeability of different rocks. In French, the children have been improving their vocabulary, including the colours, months of the year and days of the week. Finally, in PE the children have been working on their gymnastic skills, through shapes, balances and rolls and are currently attending weekly swimming sessions. It has been great to see many of the children confident with such an important life skill. Their behaviour and attitude has been excellent so far and was commented on by another school, which was great to hear.



Keep checking out the updated photo gallery on the class page for more photos.

Dates for your diary and reminders

Forest School sessions are every other Tuesday, although children need old, warm functional clothing every Tuesday. These can include hats and gloves. Children should have their wellies in school at all times.

PE sessions are Wednesday and now Thursdays with the class going swimming for this whole term.. Children should come into school in their PE kits. If they have long hair they should have a hairband to tie their hair back and tape to cover their ears if they wear earrings. On Thursday they will need to bring in their swimming kit and a letter with permission to wear goggles.

Encore Enterprise - Music lessons

In music, the children have begun learning to play samba music and are loving it. They have already come on so much already and will build towards a performance. Keep an eye on Madley TV for some videos for them practising. There are plenty of photos for you to enjoy of the children playing the ukulele last term. And I hoped you all enjoyed their performance at the Christmas concert.



Homework is important for practising, applying and consolidating the learning skills the children develop in school. **Spelling Shed** and **TTRockstars** are the weekly homework. It is expected that the children go on every week. 2/3 games per day, Monday to Friday, is great as little and often is best. We will be practising the time tables in school regularly as well. When they practice on **TT Rockstars** it will automatically follow onto the times tables that the children do not know as well and need to practice.

Reading. The expectation for reading in Year 3 is 15-20 minutes a day to an adult. The children should have their reading record and reading book in every day. When the children are listened to in school, the adults will write in purple pen. When you listen to them at home please write in their reading record, even if it is not a school book. The children continue to work on their comprehension skills weekly, linked to reading vipers. It is their responsibility to change their book and find the right colour band. It is great to see so many children achieve their 40 reads. The children will work on their comprehension skills weekly, linked to reading vipers.



If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can. Mr Freeman and the Year 3 team.