

Class 3 Curriculum Update

March 2020

March's Values: Love and Patience



Crazy Climate & Wacky Weather

Our theme Crazy Climate and Wacky Weather has certainly been helped by the ongoing changes in the weather and climate, both locally and nationally and it continues to inspire the children. We used the recent flooding in Herefordshire in our short burst writing for a few weeks, from creating a diary to imagine they experienced it to first hand to writing as reporters, scripting questions to interview someone who was affected by the flooding. Their engagement was clear to see. It was also a great experience for all at both Elan Valley and the Hereford Waterworks Museum. Elan Valley in particular gave the children a great understanding of weather, especially water and the journey it takes to get into our homes. But also the weather conditions on the journey to Elan Valley. The children were engaged in spotting different weather conditions (we had most!). However, the highlight was going inside of a dam, both for the children and the adults. It was great to see the children fascinated by what was inside the dam and viewing on top of the waterfall as the water raced out. It was strange to think that this water rushing out would cause so much devastation locally in the coming days. Although, it has inspired more science, more geography and writing opportunities for the children. More on our visit to the Waterworks Museum is below.



Continue to keep an eye on the class photos folder on website for even more photos from throughout the year so far.

PE kit reminder - Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day, as sometimes there are changes.

Gymnastics indoor on Wednesdays until Easter. White t - shirt and black shorts, girls can wear leggings.

Running in Friday workshops outside. Outdoor trainers, socks, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt and hoodie or a jumper.



Swimming

As you know, due to flooding the swimming pool is until further notice and the remainder of this term. This is such a shame as the children were really getting into it. It was great to see the progress they were making, and the fun they were having. As yet we don't know what will happen after Easter. You were will notified when we have further information to give you.

Forest School

Due to swimming being cancelled, as you know we have moved forest school sessions until Friday morning. As ever we will go whatever the weather.

A reminder about clothing.

- Tracksuit bottoms/trousers/leggings (not jeans, long enough to reach ankles)
- Fleece or jumper over a t-shirt.
- Warm coat
- Warm socks (not ankle socks)
- Wellies/waterproof boots
- Gloves/hat
- We will take school waterproofs to go over the top of this clothing.

The children continue to be engaged at forest school and are enjoying the science challenge of trying to create a chain reaction inspired by the Honda cog advert.

Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to send their child in with the correct clothing.

Weekly Homework

TT Rockstars - weekly times tables continue to be set on this and we will set up more battles to re - ignite enthusiasm.

Spelling Shed - continue to practise spellings through the assignments that are set over a two week period.

Reading for a minimum of 15 minutes a day.



Waterworks Museum

The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were really engaged throughout. From learning more about the water cycle and how water transports into our homes. Having a pipe challenge to supply all buildings with a town with a set budget. Also, filtering clean water, learning about the history of water pumps and the pond dipping, examining the insects closely. The children were commented on their behaviour, engagement and manners from the volunteers that work at the museum, which is great to hear.



Finally, it was great to see so many of you at parents' evening to share your child's learning and successes and I hope that you also enjoyed the class assembly.

Mr Freeman and the Year 3 team.