

Class 3 Curriculum Update

November 2019



November's Values: Unity and friendship

December's Values: Appreciation and compassion

It has been a busy term to date and the children have engaged in their learning and produced some work to be proud of. We have linked a lot of our writing to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. From writing newspaper reports about a golden ticket winner, a diary entry about Charlie finding a golden ticket to using descriptive language to describe the chocolate room and different characters' physical appearance and personality.

In maths, we have worked on the place value of two and three digit numbers and how known number bonds can help to find and identify patterns in numbers. We have used their links to help with our mathematical reasoning. In recent weeks, we've looked at addition and subtraction of 3 and 2 digit numbers using base 10 (dienes) and place value counters to add and subtract multiples of 10 and 100 and two and three digit numbers crossing the 10 and 100s. This is as well as our weekly times table practise.

In science, we've looked at light, the different light sources, how light travels and how shadows are formed. The children have also investigated what material would be best for a new book bag design.



Keep an eye on the class photos folder on website for even more photos throughout the year.

PE kit reminder - Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day. We have had recent issues with not all kit being present when needed. Tracksuit bottoms and shorts should be in school as we go outside when we can, even when it's cold. In addition, earrings need to be taken out or covered in micro tape that you provide, long hair needs to be tied back with a hair bobble and hair bobbles and other PE kit should never be shared. Also, girls can't wear tights with shorts.



Forest School

Children have really enjoyed the forest school sessions this term. We have done a lot of science work there looking closely at the different types of leaves and what trees they belong to and examining the leaves closely back in class, as well as, sketching them closely. The children also tried to investigate whether any two trees sound the same using twigs and branches and performed an African drumming routine on the logs.

The children have also really enjoyed creating hairstyles using leaves and using the natural materials to create their own artwork.

As you have seen in the next few weeks, it has not been on due to a busy schedule for Mr Batstone and in school. However, we will continue sessions in the New Year commencing from

Dates for your diary:

Cadbury World Visit-Wednesday 4th December 2019

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 11th December

Homework continues to be important for practising, applying and consolidating the learning skills the children develop in school. The children have really enjoyed the battles on TT Rockstars and the weekly times table test, to see which rock band they are on each week. It has been great to see the impact it has had on the weekly scores for those who are regularly practising and what certificate they have achieved. The children can write the times tables to help them first if they're practising at home.

On spelling shed there are weekly assignments with 5 attempts for each spelling pattern. The children are rewarded with honey pots for speller of the week, most improved speller and we now have weekly certificates to help. Keep using both of these as you're getting better all of the time with regular practise. Just ten minutes a day is better than nothing.

Reading is still very important. Lots of the children have achieved 40 reads already, which is pleasing to see. For your child, 15 minutes reading a night (to an adult out loud) is what we would expect to see and will enable them to achieve 40 reads and beyond. There needs to be an initial and date from a parent/carer. The children are getting much better at changing their book when finished. They know where to do this and are reminded daily to do so.

Finally, thank you for everyone that came to see me for parents' evening. I have seen everyone and it was great to meet you all. Also, thank you for attending the class assembly, where the children showed great confidence in front of the whole school and would have wanted to share even more learning if they could. Mr Freeman and the Year 3 team.