



Jupiter Class

TERM 3

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carers and children

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a relaxing 2 weeks and have managed to recharge some of those batteries and escape the nasty bugs going around. We have a very busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning to do together. Don't forget, if your child would like to bring in slippers to wear in class, please send them into school. They will be kept in the cloakroom and your children can wear them in class. It does save the class carpet getting muddy! No novelty, unpractical ones please!

Please find below some of the details of the learning we will be doing in class, as well as a copy of the Term 3 Vocabulary and Spelling words for you to keep at home. Please refer to them as often as possible - as this will help to embed the learning.

Geography - Our Geography this term will be 'Natural Disasters'. We will investigate the causes and impact of natural disasters and how they happen.

Literacy - This term will start with a non-fiction book all about Earthquakes and other natural disasters. We will then learn how to write Non-Chronological reports. After that we will be looking at a film unit where the children will be learning about how to use speech in their writing.

Maths - We have now moved onto Multiplication, where the children will become fluent with the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. We will continue to work on our Times Tables. This term we will introduce them to Times Table Rock stars so that they can practise them at home.

Science - We are just about to start our new topic on Forces and Magnets, where the children will learn about pushes and pulls and uses for magnetic materials, combining practical enquiry and scientific research to help them become more familiar with how forces and magnets work.

RE - This term we will be learning about the Sikh faith, where the children will learn about things that are important to Sikhs and how these impact their lives and actions. They will learn Sikh stories and be able to make links between Sikh stories and the actions of Sikhs today. They will learn about what the 5 K's are and why they are important to Khalsa Sikhs. We will be visiting a Sikh Gurdwara on the 17th January.

Computing - This term the children will be learning about programming where the children will explore the concept of sequencing in programming through Scratch. It begins with an introduction to the programming environment, which will be new to most learners. They will be introduced to a selection of motion, sound, and event blocks which they will use to create their own programs, featuring sequences. The final project is to make a representation of a piano.

Online safety - We will continue thinking about Online Relationships and how important it is to know how to use the internet safely when talking to others.

Art - The children will look at the work of Andy Warhol to produce their own volcano print. They will also build their own earthquake resistant structures.

PSHE - This term's PSHE is about Dreams and Goals and the class look at examples of people who have overcome challenges to achieve success and discuss what they can learn from these stories. The children identify their own dreams and ambitions and discuss how it will feel when they achieve them. They talk about facing learning challenges and identify their own strategies for overcoming these. The children talk about obstacles which might stop them from achieving their goals and how to overcome these. They reflect on their progress and successes and identify what they could do better next time.

PE - This term we will be learning the skills needed to play Football. We will focus on a different skill each week, culminating in a class tournament. In Yoga they will learn how to balance and breathe.

Reading in Year 3...

Thank you for all your support in with your child's reading. During the school week your child is reading in the class regularly, and we will try and read with them 1:1 when we can. Please try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes as much as possible; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what happens first...?' etc. This will help your child to make real progress. Please fill out the reading record as usual so that we can monitor how they are reading at home. The children will get a star for each time they read and when they get 20 stars there is a reward from the prize box. Library readers can change their books daily after completely quizzes. Banded book readers will have their books changed for them.



General reminders and information:

- We will be doing our **PE** on Tuesday & Wednesday. Please send your child in their PE kit on those days. They will stay in PE kit all day. Please ensure that they are wearing their house colour T-shirt. Long hair should be tied back, and earrings removed for PE. If for any reason, your child is not able to take part in PE please send a note or DOJO message to let me know, otherwise we will expect them to take part.
- As usual, Mrs Reynolds will be teaching the children on a Thursday.
- This term the children will be bringing home recorders to practise at home. They need to bring them back to school on **Friday** for their recorder lesson.
- Your child may bring in a **water** bottle to keep in class. This will be kept on a class trolley and can be accessed throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
(NO JUICE OR SQUASH PLEASE!)
- **Homework** - as usual, it will be set on a Friday. It will sometimes come via the homework folder or be set online and sent to you via DOJO.
- We shall keep you as informed as possible via the Parent Information noticeboard on the window - which will display menus / spellings lists, photos and letters etc.
- **DOJO** - I do hope you find this a useful communication tool. We shall continue to message you directly using it as well as shall some of the learning we have been doing through the Class Story section.

If you have any queries, questions, or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me either in person at the end of the day or via email:

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or via Dojo

Thank you
Mrs Porteous, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs O'Grady,
The Year 3 Team!