

Class 3 Newsletter

Spring 2 2023

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome to Spring Term 2! I wanted to start with congratulating all the children for an extremely positive and successful Spring Term so far. They have engaged with their learning phenomenally and I am very excited to see what comes next!

We have lots of exciting learning to fit into the next few weeks and I have no doubt that the children are going to do this brilliantly.

Staffing

We have the same arrangements for staffing in class this half term, with the support of Mrs Barlow in the mornings and Miss Owen in the afternoons. Mrs Meadham will continue to cover me on a Thursday whilst I am out of class carrying out my SENCO duties.

Topic

Science (Biology - plants)

'How did that blossom become an apple?'

Our topic focus this term is heavily Science based, and will be looking into the following areas;

- Know the function of different parts of flowering plants and trees.
- Know how water is transported within plants.
- Know the plant life cycle, especially the importance of flowers.

The children will have the opportunity to explore this topic through science, ICT research, design technology and art. I have planned in lots of practical, outdoor learning for this topic – so please keep your fingers crossed that the weather is in our favour!

English

Key Writing Genres:

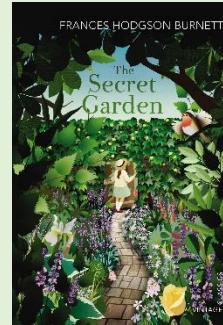
- Narrative based on images and prompts
- Newspaper report

Spelling, punctuation and grammar focus:

- Cursive writing practice
- Draft and write by organising paragraphs around a theme
- Use subject specific vocabulary within writing
- Know how to re-order sentences so that they create a greater impact
- Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Class Book

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett



Mary Lennox was horrid, selfish and spoilt. She was sent to live with her uncle in Yorkshire and she hated it. But when she finds the way into a secret garden and begins to tend it, a change comes over her and her life. She meets and befriends a local boy, the talented Dickon, and comes across her cousin Colin who had been kept hidden from her. Between them, the three children work astonishing magic in themselves and those around them.

Mathematics

Topic Area focus 1: Length and Perimeter

- Measure and compare length in any direction (m/cm/mm)
- Add and subtract length (m/cm/mm)
- Measure the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes

Topic Area focus 2: Fractions

- Count up and down in tenths
- Recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into ten equal parts and in dividing 1-digit numbers or quantities by 10
- Recognise, find and write fractions of numbers using unit and non-unit fractions
- Recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators

Multiplications

- Count in multiples of 8
- Count in multiples of 4
- Count in multiples of 9
- Count in multiples of 11

Physical Education

Wednesday afternoon (Miss Cuerden)

- Tennis

Thursday afternoon (City in the Community)

- Football/Team Games

Please make sure your child comes to school on PE days wearing their kit. You will receive a text if your child is not wearing the correct kit in school on the day of a lesson.

PE Kit

- Black pumps for indoor PE
- Plain dark shorts
- Plain white round necked T-shirt
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Plain dark jogging bottoms and tracksuit top for outdoor sport in cold weather

Please note that no jewellery of any kind may be worn in PE.

Religious Education

Unit of work: 4.4 Exploring Easter as a story of betrayal and trust

The aim of this unit is to:

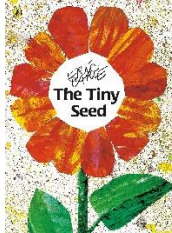
- Give children the opportunity to reflect upon the importance of power and the effect of betrayal, trust and forgiveness
- Deepen pupil's understanding of the concept of salvation
- Focus on the significance of the incidents of betrayal and trust in the Easter story

The children will be exploring this topic through written tasks and art tasks.

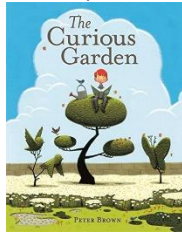
Reading

Guided reading will continue to be a whole class lesson with a combination of the children listening to the teacher read, each child having the opportunity to read aloud, and written inference tasks linked to our class book.

We are also going to be looking at various other books linked to our current topic which are listed below.



The Tiny Seed – Eric Carle



The Curious Garden – Peter Brown

PSHE

Healthy Me

This half term we are joined with Jigsaw Jino and Jerrie Cat to explore the puzzle piece 'Healthy Me'. The children will learn about how to keep their bodies and minds healthy, learning between safe and unsafe situations and what fitness means to them.

There will be written tasks and practical activities linked to this and we are really looking forward to exploring this unit of work.



Home learning

Friday: Spellings

- New spellings will be given out each Friday and tested the following Friday
- Children will bring home their scores and a list of any words they may have found tricky
- **Please ensure that your child brings their spelling folder in each Friday so that I can check they have completed their activities linked to their spelling list**

Friday: Reading Diaries

- Children are encouraged to read each day for ten minutes minimum at home, in addition to the reading they complete in school

- If your child is a Free Reader, they have the choice of which books they read at home
- If your child is on the reading scheme at school, we will send home an appropriate book for them to read. Please return this to school each Friday so that we are able to monitor their progress

Please complete the weekly reading diary with information of which book they are reading, any words they found difficult and if they enjoyed the book. I will be looking at these diaries each Friday and will set additional tasks if required – ALL CHILDREN RECEIVED A NEW READING DIARY AT THE START OF THIS HALF TERM.

Thursday: Multiplications

- Mrs Meadham will be leading the multiplication tests with the children each Thursday
- She is starting with revising 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and will gradually increase this as the children demonstrate their progress on each set
- Please ensure that your child brings their multiplication folder in each Thursday

A note from Miss Cuerden

We have had a wonderful start to this half term and I am looking forward to all of the wonderful topics we have to cover.

The children are impressing me each day with their love of learning, their care and respect towards one another and their excellent behaviour around school. Many members of staff regularly comment on how fantastic Class 3 are (and I have to agree!)

If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact the office and book an appointment.

Best wishes,
Miss Cuerden