

Autumn 2

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



This term, we will be reading *The BFG* in class and basing a lot of our work around the book and the recent film. We know that a lot of children have seen this and they were very excited to hear that it would be our new topic!

Writing

In our English sessions, we will be writing a non-fiction text about different types of giants. This will contain "facts" about the giants and include information about what the giant eats, where it lives and what it looks like. We will also be writing instructions to explain how to catch a dream and writing descriptions based on the images from the film and the words in the book. This will include descriptions of the BFG's cave and dream country too.

Reading

One of the best ways to help your child to become a fantastic writer is to encourage them to read as much as they can. This helps to develop their vocabulary and their imagination, which will then help their writing. We ask that you read with your child at least 3-4 times per week and discuss the texts that they are reading too. In our reading sessions, we will be looking at different non-fiction texts and exploring the features to ensure that we are able to use these within our writing.

Science

In Science, we have begun to look at the topic of light. This will involve experiments involving light, shadows and using the properties of materials to design products. For example, we will be designing a reflective bookbag and will need to investigate the different materials that we could use to help us.

Parents

At the end of term, we will be inviting parents into school for our Music concert and also to see our BFG-related work. This will involve sharing the writing that your children have produced and seeing their artwork too. Dates for these events will be sent out soon.

Maths

We have started this half-term by looking at multiplication and we have focused on times tables. By the end of Year 3, children should know their 2/3/4/5/8/10x tables and the division facts that go with these. We have been learning them in class and we would appreciate it if you could support us at home too. On Tuesday 14th November we will be running a times table workshop to help you support your child at home. This will take place at 9am in the hall and then from 9:30, you will be able to take part in a Maths lesson with your child.

We have just started using a website called Times Table Rockstars in Year 3. This will give the children additional practice at their times tables and can also be accessed from home. They just need to visit the school website, click on "children" and they will be able to find it on there. We will be showing this at the times table workshop too.

After this, we will be teaching the children to tell the time. Please help us by talking to your children about the time at home, it is a very important skill for the children to know!

Art

Our Art this half term is linked to *The BFG* and will focus on the work of Quentin Blake and the illustrations that he provides for the Roald Dahl books. The children will be looking at his life and work and trying to imitate his style. They will also be mixing water colours to create their own vision of a dream.

P.E.

Dolphins and Owls will have PE on a Friday and Chameleons will be on Mondays. Children should bring a change of clothing and should not be wearing ear-rings or any other form of jewellery.

Spellings

Each week your child will bring home a selection of spellings to learn. We would ask that you help your child with these if possible. If you have any questions, please come and speak to a member of the Year 3 team.