

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and made the most of the beautiful weather. I am delighted to have joined West Pennard Primary School and to be teaching your child. I am looking forward to an exciting year, starting with our busy autumn term, which sees us learning all about life in Victorian Britain, forces and magnets and Christianity amongst many other things.



Topic

This term, much of our learning will focus around our topic 'Victorian Britain'. We will learn lots about this period of history, focused around what life was like for children. We will discover where children lived, what they did in their free time and what school was like. Through this topic we will explore a whole range of creative topic-based learning across all the primary subject areas.

Art & DT

This term, children will study the work of William Morris. We will explore symmetrical patterns linked to the natural world and create our own printing blocks in the style of the artist to use for a final piece of artwork. We will also be making a variety of simple Victorian toys - linking to our learning in science.



Science

We start the autumn term learning about forces, friction and magnetic attraction. Children will work collaboratively, in a hands-on way, to identify different actions as pushes or pulls, to identify magnetic materials and to explore movement over different surfaces. In the second half of the term, we will move on to learning about light, reflections and shadows. Throughout these units, children will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.

English

We will begin Year 3 by continuing to refine our grammar and spelling expertise as well as improve our creative writing skills by writing poems, stories, letters and diary entries linked to our topic 'Victorian Britain'. Children will explore exciting texts linked to this period including 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' and 'Oliver Twist'. We will begin to learn how to use paragraphs accurately in our writing and develop our use of powerful verbs and adjectives.



How you can help your child:

** Please try to read regularly with your child, if possible at least 4x per week. Reading aloud helps them to decompose new words and understand their meaning. Therefore developing your child's vocabulary. Please sign their planner to help us keep a record of their reading.*

** Talk about the books they are reading: What was their favourite bit? Did they have a favourite character? What do they think will happen next? Lots of discussion helps develop children's language and understanding of the text.*



Maths

In Maths we will continue to develop our numerical understanding. We will be looking at using all four functions in a variety of contexts as well as consolidating our understanding of place value in numbers up to 1000.

How you can help your child:

- * *Encourage mental maths skills such as adding and subtracting differing amounts.*
- * *Rehearse times table facts and related division facts.*
- * *Provide opportunities for practical measuring in metres, cm, and mm.*
- * *Give them experience of handling and identifying money, working out costs of items and change. When shopping work out which offers are cheaper and by how much.*
- * *Support your child in telling the time on analogue and digital clocks.*

RE

In RE, the children will discuss the question: What do Christians believe about God and Incarnation? We will look at the Trinity and recall what happens in Baptism. We shall also explore stories from the Bible and use these to gather an impression of Jesus and what Christians believe him to be.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Tuesday (with Craig) and Thursday (with Ken) afternoons. This term the children will be concentrating on Netball, learning various passes and attacking and defending skills and techniques.



PLEASE make sure your child has their FULL PE kit in school at all times. PE is a vital part of the curriculum and we would hate for the children to miss out if they do not have the correct kit with them.

Home Learning

Each week your child will be given words to learn at home and at school. The children will be tested on these on a Friday. The children will also be set additional weekly tasks to be completed at home that will consolidate learning activities carried out in school. These will include maths and topic based work. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and due back in on the following Wednesday.



This is a long letter but hopefully it gives you an idea of what we will be doing this term. Our main aim as well as working hard across the curriculum is to have lots of fun!

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. I am always happy to see parents at a convenient time.

Thanks for your support,

Miss Holmes and Mrs Chapelle