

# Class 3

## INVENTIONS



## Scientists and Inventors

Autumn 2016

### WRITING ACTIVITIES

During this term the children will be:

- Practise basic writing skills such as using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. Year 2 children will look at apostrophes for contractions (e.g. can't) and singular possession. Year 3 will be introduced to apostrophe for plural possession and inverted commas (speech marks) for speech.
- We will focus on handwriting and year 3 children will begin to join letters.

**To help your child at home you could practise spellings from the spelling lists and practise writing them really neat.**

### READING ACTIVITIES

- We will look at a range of authors such as Roald Dahl, David Weisner and Anthony Browne and try to predict what might happen next in their stories.
- Year 3 children will become more independent and read silently for longer periods of time.
- Both year groups will participate in guided reading, whole class reading and individual reading (especially year 2) this term.

**To help your child at home please read at least twice per week and write a comment in the reading record as children will be rewarded for reading at home.**

### MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES

The children will practise times tables and mental skills every day.

- Learning the place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers.
- Begin to look at basic written methods for all four operations and revise previous methods to solve problems.
- Modelling 2d and 3d shapes, and recognising the properties of the shapes.

**To help your child at home, year 3 children to complete times tables homework activities. All children to play fun games to test their times table knowledge.**

### SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Children will learn about different topics through important inventions and scientists in the recent past. This will include a trip to the Discovery Museum to learn about local inventions.

## R.E.

Domestic Church: Homes,

Judaism, Choices,

Advent/Christmas: Visitors

Up until Advent it will still be the 'Year of Mercy' and children will be reminded and participate in activities related to this.

## HISTORY ACTIVITIES

Children will be studying Stone Age to Iron Age through the question, 'Why was the invention of tools so important to Bronze Age people?' Year 3 children will complete and in depth study into the lives of Stone Age people and through sources of evidence they will learn why tools were so important to them. Year 2 children will compare the inventions to modern day tools.

## COMPUTING

We will be accessing ICT in all curriculum areas. In computing lessons we will be doing work on E-safety and how computers operate. We will also use Microsoft Office programmes such as Word and Publisher to produce work.

## GEOGRAPHY

Year 2 will focus on compass directions using the school grounds, when out and about and Year 3 will focus: on maps of the U.K. countries, U.K. rivers, cities and mountains.

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

We will become inventors and design and make a robot with moving parts. **Any junk after October half term will be greatly appreciated!**

## P.E.

P.E kit to remain in school at all times until holidays. P.E. is on Mondays and Thursdays. This term we are doing invasion games and dance.

## MUSIC

Year 3 weekly Ukulele lessons on a Wednesday morning.

Year 2 singing and preparing for a performance of the Big Sing songs.

## HOMEWORK

Homework: Spellings and homework given on a Friday to be handed in Wednesday.

Children will get extra raffle tickets for other learning at home activities they complete.

**If children do not complete tasks two weeks in a row then they will be requested to stay in one break time to complete it. This includes reading at home.**

## REMINDERS

Water bottles: Please ensure your child has a water bottle in class with their name on. **Please make sure it is water only or they will not be able to drink it in class.**

P.E. Kits, all children to remember their P.E. Kits and plimsolls.

Year 3 children no longer have snack in school, they also have a longer school day and shorter lunch time. If they wish they can bring in a fruit/ vegetable to have at break time.

**VOLUNTEERS! I would greatly appreciated CRB-checked volunteers to assist with school trips and listening to children read in Class 3. Please let me know if you are interested!**

If you need any help with your child's learning at home or have any questions please contact the school office to make an appointment or to allow me to contact you to discuss any queries.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Sherrard (class teacher), Mrs Davison (teaching assistant) and Mrs Cornley (PPA teacher).