



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2019

Important dates:

- 3.1 class assembly 23rd January 3pm
- 3.2 class assembly 13th February 3pm

What we are learning this half term

English

- This half term our class shared text is 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady.
- We are improving our writing by thinking carefully about our word choices, particularly paying attention to using powerful adjectives and verbs in descriptions.
- Use spoken language to develop understanding exploring ideas through role play.
- We will continue to look at sentence structure and paragraphing and grammatical conventions.
- We will be learning how to re-read and edit our work.

Spelling

- Once again we are the using the Rising Stars scheme for spellings. Each week the children will be given a new set of words to learn which come from the Statutory Word List. These are then tested the following week through where the children will be given a word which is then embedded throughout a sentence. These spellings will be set across the year group and other spellings will be set as appropriate.

Maths

The key topics covered this half term are:

- Multiplication and division (including 3/4/8 times tables).
- Count up and down in tenths.
- Compare and order fractions with same denominator.
- +/- fractions with same denominator within one whole.
- Read and write Roman Numerals to 12.

Science

Our topic this half term is rocks and fossils, and some of the areas we will be covering include:

- How are fossils and rock types formed?
- How the children compare and group together different rocks based on their simple physical properties.
- Describing and explaining how different rocks can be useful to us.
- Designing a printing block using fossil shapes and outlines.

RE

Our topic this half term is 'Sacrament of Reconciliation'. We will be exploring the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will also be thinking about what this Sacrament does for us. We will reflect on how wrong choices affect us and other people. We will explore what sin is.

Topic

Pupils will learn about the causes and effects of volcanoes and earthquakes, as well as the effect of climate change on our weather. We will also be exploring life in early Britain.