

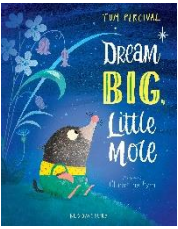
**Blackman Class:
Mr L. Taylor**

Year 3 Newsletter - Term 1

Welcome to Term 2. The children have settled in now and we are hoping to increase the pace of our learning now that routines are established. Term 2 is exciting but extremely busy, it is a term that culminates with festive celebrations and worship. Please find below, most of the important features of what we will be covering in Year 3 this term.

Please remember to pack your child a fruit or vegetable snack for breaktime, **sweets and chocolate are not permitted.**

**Percival Class
Miss E. Gore**



Middle school TA support team: Mrs Mummery, Mrs Potts and Mrs Dengate

Reading

A big reminder to continue daily reading with your children at home. We recommend a minimum of 10 minutes. We have a particular focus on fluency and the ability to read over 90 words per minute using some expression. We also highly recommend daily practice of spellings on Spelling Shed and times tables practice.

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing our learning on addition and subtraction, leading onto multiplication and division. We will be focussing on formal methods of calculation, once the children gain in confidence, we will apply these skills to word problems and practical investigations.

Science

We will be learning about 'Animals, Including Humans', looking at animal and human biology, diet and nutrition and skeletons. It would really help reinforce our work if you ask the children what they have learned in Science. Our key question is: Do all animals (including humans) use their bodies in the same way?

Colder weather

We expect the weather to quickly become colder this term, so could you please ensure they bring a coat for break and lunchtimes.



English

Our text this term is 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton. This is nothing short of a brilliant adventure story where the 'hero' is someone children can relate to. We will be teaching reading at school and have frequent lessons in the week on SPAG, Reading Comprehension and handwriting. Our writing focus for this term will be looking at creating our own adventure stories and using empathy to describe characters and create an unlikely hero.

Religious Education

In RE this term we will be looking at 'Sikhi' and some of the beliefs, rituals and stories behind this religion. Our key question is: What is important to Sikh people? There are many close comparisons to be made with Christianity that we hope to make the children aware of.



Physical Education

PE will now to be on a Wednesday afternoon for Year 3, and this will be gymnastics in the Hall, please make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit and **no earrings on PE day**. Girls and boys will be changing in separate classrooms. Week beginning 13th November is our blocked PE, this will be outdoor Football, children will not require shin pads as we are doing skills, not 'matches'

Geography

We will be learning about 'Volcanoes', looking at how they are formed, the effects of volcanic activity and natural disasters linked with them, as well as where active and inactive volcanoes are located. Our key question for this topic is: How are volcanoes destructive?

Dates for your diary

Term 2

Term Starts: 1st November

Parent Consultations: 16th/17th November

Term ends: 16st December

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 3 staff team, or alternatively you can email us. Our email address is:

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