



Spring 2020!

Welcome back! WOW! It certainly feels strange writing 2020! Already this academic year is going extremely fast! We hope you have all had a lovely and not too hectic Christmas and a brilliant start to the New Year! We have another busy year ahead with lots of fun and exciting lessons planned.

Reading



Your Support

Year 3 is a fun and challenging year and to ensure that all children feel happy and confident ready for all the challenges we encourage every child access some useful resources at home.

BBC Bitesize KS2 - This is a useful website for children to revise Maths and English.

Times Table Rockstars – All children have a login for this useful website in order to help them with their times tables. It will record how quick they are and improve their speed and accuracy.

Local Library; we encourage all children to visit the local library. Become a member and borrow books to read. They often have events on too.

RESPECT



Ernest Shackleton

The temperature in Year 3 has become decidedly cooler since returning after New Year as we have begun to learn about Sir Ernest Shackleton and his expeditions to Antarctica. He was involved in expeditions to Antarctica on four separate occasions at the start of the twentieth century. The children will be investigating life in Antarctica, learning about Shackleton's Endurance expedition and discovering why day and night can be so different during the year. Also the children will learn about rocks, including fossils, with a visitor who will deliver a special workshop.

Linked to this topic, we will have secret missions to complete that are carried out by Commando Glen on a Wednesday morning.



Wonderful Writing

This term, we are linking our writing to Antarctica in relation with our RESPECT topic on Ernest Shackleton. We cannot wait to get the children immersed in the writing and will be focusing on writing descriptions, instructions, diary extracts and recounts.

Handwriting is still a big focus for us in Year 3 as we would love all the children to earn their pen licenses by the end of the year. Any further practise at home would be a huge help.

We will also be focusing on Guided Reading sessions, looking closely at retrieval, inference and deduction questions. It is important that children spend time at home reading so that their fluency and stamina improves.

Marvellous Mathematicians

In Maths, we will be revisiting place value from the autumn term and building on our previous knowledge. We will also be looking at money, fractions and the formal method for multiplication and division.

Children in Year 3 are expected to know all their number bonds, be able to halve and double mentally and recall all the facts from their 2, 3, 5, 4, 8 and 10 times tables. It is important that children spend time at home rehearsing these if they do not already know them, however, we have been learning some excellent songs that help us with our times tables, so please get the children to share these with you!

Things to Remember

Homework will be sent out every Friday followed by spellings on a Monday. All homework must be brought in by the following Wednesday and spellings must be learnt for Friday. It is important that homework is brought in on time so it can be marked and new homework can be issued.

Please ensure that your children bring their book bag in with their reading record and book inside it every day, so we can read with them during the school day to maximise their reading progress.

PE will be every MONDAY with the Manchester City Coach, it is essential the correct footwear is brought in to wear outside. The children will learn skills which may be used in many different sports, as well as teamwork and co-operation.