

CLASS 3MW

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

THE MARITIME INDUSTRY IN



Literacy

In Literacy we will be focusing on the text 'Mysteries of Harris Burdick,' by Charles Van Allsburg. The children will create mystery setting descriptions, using a variety of grammatical tools. The children will sequence and write their own fantasy stories using inverted commas for dialogue.

Reading

In reading, we will be focusing on the text 'The Train to Impossible Places' by P.G. Bell. The children will use the text to find meaning beyond the literal and use inference skills to work out the characteristics of different people from the story.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on plants and their need for survival. The children will learn that plants are living things that require different, crucial elements to survive and grow. As a class we will learn about a plants structure and how some living things can produce their own food. The children will learn about the life cycle of a plant and how seeds are dispersed.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on the question 'What is the Trinity and why is it important?' The children will learn about the Trinity and how Christians believe Jesus is one of the three persons of the Trinity. We will also be focusing on the Holy Spirit and Christian traditions linked to the Trinity.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be changed and sent home every Friday. Please encourage your children to read for pleasure and to discuss these stories with you. Please sign their reading record daily and return them to school each day. Each child will be entered into a reading challenge where they must read at least 3 times each week.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Relationships.' This will cover expressing appreciation of family and friends, as well as the awareness of how our choices affect others.

HULL

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Short multiplication
- Finding a half, a quarter and a third.
- Identify equivalent fractions.
- Unit and non-unit fractions
- Counting in fractions

We will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

History

In History, the children will learn about the maritime industry in Hull and develop their understanding about how the industry has changed through time. They will learn about the original settlers of Hull and about the importance of the walled defences. The children will then be able to report on the consequences of the maritime industry.

Geography

In Geography, the children will be answering the question 'why are earthquakes and tsunamis so disastrous?' This project develops children's understanding of the features and characteristics of earth's layers and plate tectonics. We will create detailed studies on earthquakes and tsunamis, while comparing earthquakes in Haiti and New Zealand. We will look closely at the Indian Ocean tsunami and the impact it had.

Music/ICT

In Music the children will be learning about the piece of music named 'Bringing Us Together.' Children will be able to explore the rhythm and pulse of this piece of music. In ICT we will reinforce the importance of e-safety. We will be focusing on branching databases - such as using yes/no questions to sort groups of objects.

Computing/Spanish

In computing we will be focusing on the importance of E-Safety. They will also be learning how to sequence sounds using Information Technology. The children will learn about the Spanish language. They will be able to say basic phrases, such as greetings and focusing on the pronunciation of letters.

Homework

Times tables and spelling books will be handed out each week. A times tables and spelling test will be completed every Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Art/DT

Art work will focus on 'Beautiful Botanicals.' This will focus on exploring visual elements of fruits, vegetables and plants. The children will explore the artist Katie Scott and create sketches based on her work.

In DT the children will be constructing greenhouses. They will investigate sheet materials and work on using strengthening structures to create a sturdy greenhouse.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Friday** afternoons. PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt, as well as trainers for outdoor lessons.

If you have any concerns: please speak to Miss Worrall or Mrs Moore on the door or please ring/email the school office if it is urgent.