

Class 3 Information – Autumn 1 2017

I hope you are all ready for the new term.

A few reminders to start off with

- School doors open at 8.40 and the register will be taken promptly at 8.50. If you need to speak to me before school starts please come before 8.50, otherwise the class will be learning. Please remember you can always leave messages in person at the office, by phone or by email and I will get back to you as soon as possible.
- P.E. will be taught on Monday and Friday. It is advisable to bring it in on a Monday and leave it at school through the week in case it is needed. As we enter the winter months, trainers are needed due to the wetter weather.
- Children need to plan ahead by bringing in coats, jumpers and water bottles, should they be required.
- Please ensure your ALL clothing is labelled.
- There will be a maths and reading information evening on Monday 11th September. Please come along to see how your child learns, the strategies taught and for things you can do at home to help.
- Planners - In Class 3 the children will have planners to remind them of upcoming events as well as to record guided reading or other interventions they are taking part in. You can write communications in these, although they will not be checked every day by staff. If you need a message passing on, please make your child aware of the message that needs to be seen.

Our learning

Maths – Our focus for this half term will be number, place value, rounding and addition and subtraction both mentally and using formal methods (columnar.) Year 5 will be using numbers up to 1,000,000 and Year 6 to 10,000,000 as well as decimal places. A Year 4 objective is to know all times table to 12x12. If you know your child has gaps, please continue to practise at home.

English – In English we will be using the text, ‘The Time-Travelling Cat and the Aztec Sacrifice’. We will then be writing our own narratives. We will also be writing and performing Slam Poetry. The children will take part in a guided reading activity every day, focusing on: comprehension, free-reading and pre-reading tasks.

Our topic this half term is The Aztecs.

History and Geography – Identify who the Aztecs were and where they came from. Understanding the time period in which their empire was built in relation to other periods. The children wanted to make Aztec temples and we will use our outdoor learning to learn about what they looked like and building our own temples .



Art/DT – With Ms Lenny this half term, the children will be investigating and making Aztec Masks using papier mache. Later on in the topic the children will also be exploring Aztec patterns, printing and weaving to make Ojo de Dias.

Further to this, the children will be learning:

RE - Where, how and why do people worship?

Science – Materials and their properties

Music – Young voices singing. We are looking into putting on a concert at school for parents, carers and friends towards the end of the term.

Computing – Digital Citizenship (linking with E-safety)

P.E. – Mr Warriner will be teaching cross country and circuits to coincide with indoor athletics. In our Friday session, this half term we will be leaning about dance.

French – We will be following the Y5 and Y6 syllabuses from NYCC. Y5 will study 'Ma Famille', Y6 'Les Portraits'.