

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back to your second term in Year 3. I hope you have had a fun and restful October half term and are raring to go for term 2. We have lots of exciting topics that I know you are going to love. Our overall topic is 'Spirit of Corby' – I can't wait to explore the geography and history of our hometown, I hope you can't either!

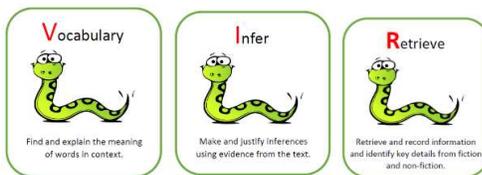
Miss Hannah

Spelling and Reading



We have spelling lessons each Tuesday and Thursday. Children will be given new spellings each week to be practised at home. They will be tested each Friday.

The adults in our class love to read, we hope you do too. This year we will continue to use Reading Vipers to help us with our guided reading. These can be used at home when reading too. In our guided reading lessons this term we will be focusing on the vocabulary, infer and retrieve vipers.



Writing



We will be writing an information text all about the world-famous graffiti artist...Banksy. We will also be using our descriptive skills from term 1 to write a setting description and using our ability to think from a character's point of view to write a diary entry from our new main character's perspective.

Maths

In maths this term we will look at the four operations: addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Pupils should continue to secure their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication and division tables, whilst learning the 3, 4 and 8s which we aim to know fluently by the end of year 3.



Science



Our science topic is 'Can you see me?', during which we will work scientifically to find out all about the following statements: Recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light, notice that light is reflected from surfaces, recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid (opaque) object, find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change and finally, recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes.

Computing

Our computing unit for autumn 2 is 'branching databases'. We will learn how to: Sort objects 'yes' or 'no' questions, how to complete a branching database using 2Question and how to create a database of the children's choice.



Art & Design

We will be learning about the art of drawing by understanding how to use simple shapes to draw objects and developing observation skills to draw natural and manmade objects.



MFL

During this half term the children will revisit colours with an Autumn and Bonfire Night theme. They will go on to learn the days of the week and months of the year.



Geography

We will be exploring the following enquiry questions in geography this term:
How would we describe Corby as a settlement and why?
How is where I live unique?
Why do people migrate?
We will also carry out mapwork around our local area.



History

We will be exploring the following enquiry questions in history this term:
How has the fact that iron was found near Corby shaped it as a community?
Remembering the Pole Fair. What is the Pole Fair and why is it a significant event in Corby?

Music

Our unit this term is Glockenspiel Stage 1. This unit introduces children to learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning is focussed around exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel.



Phonics

Follow this link to find out all about how we teach early reading at Hazel Leys Academy.
<https://www.hazelleysacademy.org/page/?title=Phonics&pid=219>

PE

Monday – Outdoor PE

Tuesday – Indoor PE * This has moved from Wednesday last term.



On PE days please wear tracksuit bottoms or shorts and an academy PE top. Don't forget to wear trainers.

Homework Project



Weekly homework will be set each Friday to be handed in the following Thursday. If children are unsure about any part of their homework, then they should ask an adult on either Monday or Tuesday so we can help them.

Remember too to hand in your holiday homework project. We are looking forward to creating a fabulous display in the classroom with these.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Hannah

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Blackwood and Miss Russell

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

- Monday 31st October – Training day for teachers
- Tuesday 1st November – school reopens for pupils
- 11th November – School Council Remembrance Assembly
- Tuesday 14th November – Odd Socks Day
- 18th November – Children in Need Mufti Day
- Tuesday 6th December – Christmas Carol Concert KS2 (pm)
- Wednesday 7th December- KS1 Years 1&2 Christmas Performance (am & pm)
- Thursday 8th December- EYFS Reception class Christmas Performance (am &pm)
- Thursday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day (National Save the Children Day)
- Friday 9th December Nursery Christmas Performance (am)
- Thursday 15th December Christmas Class Parties
- Friday 16th December – school closes for Christmas