

What's going on in Year 3?

This page aims to give information about the subject areas that your child will be covering in class. This information is for the week commencing: Monday 15th January 2018

English

We will continue reading more of 'The Iron Man' this week. The children will act out the part where the boy tells his father about seeing the iron man. They will then use this experience to help them write a diary entry in role.

They will have chances to discuss the action, thinking about the choices the characters make and sharing their own feelings and thoughts about how they might behave in that situation.

They will begin to write a letter in role as another character from the story.

Phonics & Handwriting

Over this two week cycle, we will focus on homophones. These are words that sound the same but have different meanings; they are sometimes spelt differently too, e.g: write/right, read/reed, and hear/here.

The children will complete 5 activities over the 2 week cycle linked to this work on homophones. Two of the activities are handwriting. The teacher focus activity continues to be spelling. The children will work on spelling key words and these activities are differentiated according to your child's needs.

Maths

This week, we are focusing on multiplying by 3. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore how we can represent different questions (as an array, as repeated addition and pictorially) and find answers to questions using different methods, e.g. drawing on known facts.

They will find missing numbers in multiplication sentences and also start to recognise patterns when counting in threes from bigger numbers.

The children will also start to use this knowledge to solve division problems and write them correctly in number sentences.

Please see the calculation policy online for more detail.

Mental maths test

The mental maths test this week will focus on the **3x tables** which the children need to develop an instant recall of, out of sequence. The children should also be able to relate this to division facts, e.g.: $5 \times 3 = 15$, so I also know $15 \div 3 = 5$.

There are lots of online games to help practise these facts if you want some different ways to learn them at home (see the home learning).

Topic

This week, we will find out about the importance of the river Nile in Ancient Egyptian times, thinking about how it impacted on people's lives there.

Spellings

Some children will have now brought home their spelling book (others will get theirs next week). Please spend some time practising these words with your child. If they want an extra challenge, please look at the word lists emailed home. The children have 2 weeks to practise these words at home and in class, but they **must bring in their spelling book to school every day** as we use it for different activities.