

Year 3

Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1



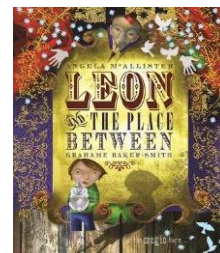
Happy new year! I hope that you have all had a relaxing break and a good Christmas. I have enjoyed hearing about what the children have been doing over their Christmas break.

For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

The Curriculum

English

This half term in English, we will be reading *Leon and the Place Between*. We will be working on our prediction and comprehension skills and then looking at areas of the writing curriculum such as: understanding prepositions, varying our use of conjunctions, and how to use paragraphs.



Maths

This half term in maths, we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division. We will continue to practice the 3-, 4- and 8-times table, then we will look at how to multiply and divide bigger numbers. After this, we will move onto learning about length and perimeter.

Science

We will finish our topic on rocks and fossils by learning about how fossils are formed. We will then start our topic on soils, where we will learn about the importance of soil and conduct an experiment to see the permeability of different soils.



Computing

In computing, we will finish our animations that we have been working hard on, then we will learn all the skills needed to make a digital comic.

History and Geography

Our topic this term will be on Greece. We will begin by looking at Ancient Greece then we will look at modern day Greece and its geography.

We begin by looking at these areas:

- Who were the Ancient Greeks and where did they live?
- How did the Ancient Greeks fight?
- What was Greek art and entertainment like?
- Why was Alexander the Great considered great?
- Who did the ancient Greeks worship?



P.E.

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Home Learning

Home Learning will consist of one set of optional English tasks, one set of optional Maths tasks and a set of ideas for our home learning gallery. This will be given out on Friday 17th January.

Maths and English can be brought in at any time. Projects for the home learning gallery should be brought in time for the home learning gallery on Monday 24th March.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Fridays. Please comment positively on your child's reading in their reading record at the end of each book they have read.

Library

The children will visit the library on Tuesdays and will be able to borrow one book per week. Please remember to return the library book with your child every Tuesday, so they are able to exchange it for a new book.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Friday 24th January – year 3 and 4 open classroom

Monday 27th January – Young Voices concert

Saturday 1st February – Ben Rhydding cross country

Friday 14th February – Finish for half term

Monday 24th February – Return after half term

Monday 24th March – Home learning gallery

Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March – Buckden House residential