



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a brilliant Christmas. It is wonderful to welcome the children back.

Miss Lambert will continue to teach the class all day on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Leach will teach all day on Thursdays and Fridays. We will continue to alternate each Wednesday allowing both of us to fulfil the needs of our assistant headteacher roles.

You may have spotted a new member of staff – Mr Abbey has joined the team and will be supporting the children every day.

If you have any questions regarding your child or any concerns, please contact us via email a.lambert@benhydding.bradford.sch.uk and sandy.leach@benhydding.bradford.sch.uk

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

The Curriculum

English

Our text this half term is called Leon and the Place Between. The children will be working towards writing a persuasive letter. They will learn how to use a wider range of conjunctions accurately and will learn how to identify and use prepositions.

Maths

The focus of our maths work this half term is multiplication and division. Children will be introduced to 3, 4 and 8 times tables which they will then be expected to learn by heart.

Science

In Science we will continue to look at rocks – studying those in the local environment. We will then look at fossils and soils.

Computing

We will continue to create our animations before beginning to develop skills to make a digital comic using an app called BookCreator.

History

Our topic this term will be on Earthquakes and Volcanoes. As part of this topic we will explore the following questions:

- What is topography?
- What is the Ring of Fire and where is it?
- What are the main features of a volcano?
- Why was Etna famous?



Art

The artist we will be looking at this half term is Henri Matisse. Children will be taught to:

- Use a range of different brushes
- Create different watercolour washes

French

This half term Year 3 will learn the French alphabet, enabling them to spell out their own names and understand when French words are spelt out to them. New vocabulary will include pets, which will be combined with phrases expressing possession, namely 'j'ai' (I have) and desire, 'je voudrais' (I would like).

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursday and will be held outside until the weather becomes colder. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday 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 come out on Friday 16th January and will consist of the following:

- One weekly reading book
- One set of half termly optional maths tasks
- One set of half termly optional English tasks
- One termly home learning project.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Wednesdays. I will send children with one book for the week. Please comment positively on your child's reading in the reading record at the end of each book.

Library

The children will visit the library on Wednesdays and will be able to borrow one book per week.

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

Wednesday 28th January – Young Voices
Tuesday 3rd February – Parent Workshops
Friday 6th February – NSPCC Number Day
Friday 13th February – End of term
Monday 23rd February – Return to school