

Year 3

Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2



Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful half term. It's a short half term but it will be filled with fun.

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. Mr Abbey will continue to support Year 3 throughout the week.

If you have any questions regarding your child or any concerns, please contact us via email a.lambert@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and sandy.leach@benrhydding.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 shall remain a mystery for now! We're finishing some work on writing persuasively the first week back and then we will introduce our new text which is a chapter book. We will be developing our comprehension skills and looking at character descriptions alongside identifying and writing similes and metaphors/

Maths

The focus of our maths work this half term will be division to begin with before looking at length and perimeter and fractions.

Science

In Science we will be looking at soils and light.

Computing

We will be developing 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

Year 3 will learn the days of the week in French and practise counting to 20. The vocabulary for the half term will be pets, an ideal platform for the introduction of 'j'ai' (I have) and 'je veux' (I want). Combining colours, numbers, pets, and basic conjunctions, the children will be able to create a simple but meaningful French sentence.

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 Wednesday and Thursday 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 6th March 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

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March – Parents Evening
Thursday 12th March – Parents Evening
Monday 23rd March – Ben Rhydding Easter Bake Off
Friday 27th March – End of Term
Monday 13th April – Return to school
Monday 20th April to Wednesday 22nd April – High Adventure