



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spring Term Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very happy 2018! Last term your children made a great start to Year 3 and we are now looking forward to an exciting term ahead. You will hopefully have had the opportunity to have met with your child's new teachers at the parents' evenings held in the Autumn term, but as always, if any issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange an appointment.

The Year 3 Team

Miss J Jeffery
Class teacher and
Assistant Head

Miss S Matthews
Class teacher

Mrs C Hunt
Higher Level Teaching
Assistant

Mrs D Cunningham
Teaching Assistant

Subject Overviews

English

Throughout the first half of this term the children's work will be based around the theme 'Aliens' and will include them studying how different authors develop their characters and create a sense of atmosphere in their writing. Throughout the second half term, work carried out will be based on 'Kings, Queens and Castles'. Whilst working on this theme, as well as planning and writing stories, the children will be working on developing their proof-reading and editing skills. They will also be learning about different forms of poetry and then planning and writing their own poems. English work carried out this term will also be linked to the children's History topic 'The Romans' where possible, and they will be continuing to develop their reading comprehension and grammar skills as well as their handwriting and spellings.

Maths

During the first half of the Spring term we will continue to spend time working on multiplication and division before carrying out work on money and statistics. After the half term holiday we will be focusing on measures before moving on to fractions. In each area that we cover in Maths the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

Science

During the first half term the children will be studying 'Light'. Among other things they will be learning about natural and man-made sources of light, how light travels in straight lines and how shadows are formed. They will also be learning about how the position of the sun changes throughout the day and how this causes the shape and size of a shadow to change. In the second half term, as part of our 'Plants' unit of work, the children will be learning about the jobs of different parts of a plant and what plants need in order to be able to grow. They will also learn about the role of flowers in the process of pollination and then be able to order the life cycle of common plants.

Events

5th January

Pantomime

5th February

Key Stage Two
Reading information
evening for parents

8th February

Roman Soldier visit
(in school)

8th February

Hero and Heroine
Disco

1st March

Visit to Chedworth
Roman Villa

**27th & 28th
February**

Parents' Evening

29th March

Easter Assembly

Also this term:

A walk around
Towcester

Subject Overviews

Computing

Following the popularity of the sessions on coding over the last term, the children will next be moving on to develop their skills in making movies and video performances.

Humanities

This term in History the children will be learning about The Romans. They will learn about how the Roman Empire developed, what daily life was like for people living in Roman times and compare Celtic Warriors to Roman soldiers. After half term, in Geography, the children will be carrying out a local study of Towcester. Throughout this topic the children will be learning about the history of the town and developing their map skills by locating historical sites in Towcester on a map. This will link well to our History topics this year, as Iron Age, Roman and Anglo-Saxon artefacts have been found in Towcester. They will also be learning about how the use of land in and around the town has changed over time.

Next half term the children will also be learning about Easter in their Religious Education lessons.

PSHE

In the first half term in PSHE the children will be focusing on relationships and how to deal with situations that may lead to them falling out with friends. We will also spend a few weeks thinking about families and how all families are different. We will then go on to celebrate differences between people and their lives.

PE

In PE lessons the children will be working on developing their creative skills when playing sports. As part of this they will be designing their own versions of games and coming up with their own rules and point-scoring systems. Swimming will continue to be on a weekly basis (on Tuesdays) and alongside developing their front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke the children will be working on a variety of water skills.

The Arts

In Art the children will be studying Roman mosaics and creating collaborative mosaics using clay tiles. They will then go on to look at the clothing of Roman soldiers before sketching and designing their own. In Performing Arts they will be learning new songs, playing different instruments and working and performing in groups.

French

This term the children will be focusing on numbers, nouns and adjectives. We will be learning the names of different animals. We will begin to appreciate how adjectives behave differently in French. We will also learn to sing 'The Farmer's in his Den.'

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