



Class Three Autumn Term letter.

Welcome to Year Three and KS2.

This term we will be covering the **topic** 'Up your street' where we will be investigating our local history.

We will start by using photographs to study what Thirsk used to be like years ago. Children will use census information to find out about the jobs and industry in days gone by and will walk the 'past and present walk' in Thirsk and Sowerby, looking at historic sites such as Thirsk Castle, Pudding Pie Hill and Mill Gate. We will finish our topic exploring the history of our school, using lots of artefacts such as the old log books and learn about what a Victorian school day would be like.

Our **Literacy** is strongly linked with our local history topic. The children will write persuasive pieces of writing for Thirsk Tourist Information to encourage people to come and visit. We will be also reading James Herriots Stories for Children and focusing on the amazing vocabulary he used when describing characters and settings. Hopefully this will inspire children to write their own animal stories set in our local countryside. As a class we will explore mystery stories and identify their key features. We will use the local mystery story of the Busby Stoop Chair to inspire our own Scooby Doo style mystery narratives.

In **Maths** this term we will be covering place value of three digit numbers, reading and writing numbers up to 1000 as well as comparing and ordering them. We will be finding 10 more and less than numbers and solving place value problems. The class will also begin to work on fractions finding fractions of objects and numbers. As well as some data handling using pictograms and tally charts. In Year 3 this term, children really start to work on telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks. Any support with this at home is really valuable to your child as telling the time is such a key skill.

On Fridays, during maths lessons, children do a 'Big Maths Beat That Learn Its' test. This has been set as a homework task on a Friday for children to complete and practise in order to beat their previous score in the following weeks test.

In **Art** this first half term, we are looking at the work of local artist Emily Sutton and will be painting shop fronts using her style.

PE this half term will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please can children bring their kit ready in a named drawstring bag. The PE kit will be sent home on Friday.

Children will be going swimming on a Thursday morning from November 30th to February 8th.

In **Science** we will be looking at the digestive system. (Which will involve a very hands on experience!) The children will also learn about teeth and identifying that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition.

Every Monday, children will be tested on any 6 of the 14 given spellings we have been learning during the week. The new spellings will also be sent home to practise on a Monday.

Children will have the new spellings in their blue spelling book. You can see their tests and their marks at the back of their spelling books.

In order to support the childrens **reading**, we ask children to read at least three times a week and record this in their planner. Three signatures in the childrens planner, earns them a gotcha and the chance to choose a book in the weekly draw.

Our topic next half term, the lead up to Christmas is "Lights Camera Action". Our learning will be linked to the theme of the Christmas production. In literacy we will be writing play scripts, in PE we will be dancing and in DT we will be creating Christmas gift boxes.

Open Classroom will be on November 23rd at 9:10 we hope you can join us.

I look forward to working with you this year to make sure your child has the support needed to make progress and be successful.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Feel free to email, call, send a note or drop in.

My door is always open.

Miss Nicholson

