



Class Three Spring Term letter.

Welcome back after Christmas.

This half term we will be using Rudyard/Kipling's story *The Jungle Book* to inspire our learning.

In **Literacy** we will be writing diaries in the role of Mowgli and his adventures with his animal friends in the jungle. We will move on to letter writing and write as young Rudyard Kipling sending a letter home to his mother in India.

Our **Jungle Book** theme will also link to our **History** and **Geography** topics this half term. We will look at the location and culture of India where *The Jungle Book* is set and at the life of Rudyard Kipling himself.

Our **Maths** learning the first half term will include perimeter, angles, measures and fractions. We will be applying our new skills to solve the fortnightly 'Big Problems'. On alternate Fridays, during maths lessons, children do a 'Big Maths Beat That Learn Its' and CLIC 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 test.

All Year 3 children should know their 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 8 times tables by the end of the academic year. Help at home with learning multiplication tables is invaluable to the children as times tables are the building blocks for many other calculations.

Children can now also practise and test their times table knowledge with **Times Table Rock Stars**. (Logins for this website can be found at the front of children's planners.)

In **Science** for the first half term we will be looking at light and shadow. We will cover; where light comes from and why we need it to see, what a reflection is and how they are formed, how shadows are made and use our enquiry skills to investigate patterns in shadow size.

In **Computing** for the next few weeks we will look at movie making and editing around *The Jungle Book* theme. We will learn how to use cameras to film, edit and add commentary.

Our **Art** lessons this half term will teach us skills of using pastel and colour to create jungle scenes.

This half term's **French** topic also relates to our *Jungle Book* theme we will be learning *les animaux de la jungle*.

PE this half term will be on Mondays and Thursdays. 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.

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 children's **reading**, we ask children to read at least three times a week and record this in their planner. Three signatures in the children's 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 Easter is "**Incredible Inventions**". Our learning will be linked to the history of technology and ideas for future inventions.

In **Literacy** we will be writing Sci-fi narratives, newspaper reports and information pages.

Our **Science** focus will be sound; including how the ear lets us hear; how sounds travel through different mediums and conduct enquiries to find patterns between volume, pitch and the object that produced the sounds.

In **Art** we will be 3D modelling, building our own robots.

You are welcome to come and see our class assembly on Wednesday 24th January at 2:50.

Open Classroom will be on February 21st at 2:30 we hope you can join us.

I look forward to working with you again this term 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

