

Year 3 & Year 4

Cherry Blossom Class

Autumn Term 2020



Welcome back to a brand new school year!

First of all, we would all like to say how lovely it is to have you back in school in school with us after a very unique end to the previous school year. We would also hope that you have had a fabulous summer! We are looking forward to working with you this year and supporting your child in the next part of their learning journey at Brigstock Latham's School.

This term, we have many things to look forward to this term and we are very excited to get started. Our topic in the classroom is Ancient Egypt. Our History, Geography, Art and DT will all be linked our topic in a creative and fun way. The children will get the opportunity to learn about life as Ancient Egyptian, Mummies and Egyptian Gods. Throughout the term, we also have the opportunity to design and create our very own Ancient artefacts.

Literacy

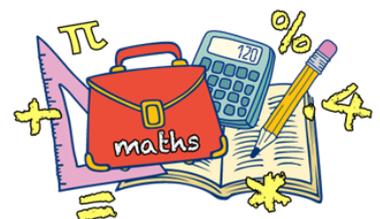
We try as much as possible to make the children's writing relevant to their topic. We will begin by exploring historical linked to Ancient Egypt. The children will then learn and develop different skills for story writing and have the opportunity to rewrite their own versions. We will then be moving away from fictional texts and concentrate on chronological reports based on Egypt. The children will become journalists and create their own reports. Alongside this, in Literacy lessons, the children will be learning new grammar and punctuation and be encouraged to apply this within all of their writing.

Across both terms, children will also take part in handwriting, reading and spelling sessions. In Key Stage two, there is less of a focus on 1:1 reading as we begin to use other forms of reading within lessons. The children will read in groups with an adult and apply their understanding through comprehension activities.

Maths

Alongside mental maths practice and solving word problems, we will be focusing on Number and Place Value, Shape, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division in the first term.

In the second half of the term, we will be revisiting fractions, decimals, money and time. We will also practice our use of written methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. Times tables will be practiced through quick starters and short focused activities and tested weekly.



Science

This term we will be focusing on two different topic areas: Light and Rocks.

Light - We will be learning that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will explore how light is reflected from surfaces and recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect our eyes. We will also learn how shadows are formed when light from a light source is blocked by a solid object and experiment with finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Rocks – We will be learning to compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and also identify their simple physical properties. We will learn how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and also recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesday, Wednesday's (alternate weeks) and Friday.

Please make sure that a full PE kit is in school, including outdoor trainers and plimsolls for the indoor hall space. We will be making the most of the weather and we will have our PE lessons outside for as long as possible this term. Please make sure you have long bottoms when the weather may be colder or a hat if the sun is out. Please also remember that earrings need to be removed or covered with plasters before PE lessons and long hair needs to be tied back. Sun cream is advisable and may need to be applied before school if we are lucky enough to have warm weather!

RE

Across the Autumn term the children will be exploring Christianity. In particular, we will be focusing on the creation story and what Christians believe.

PSHE

This term we will be looking at physical health and Wellbeing and what is important to you. Mental health and Wellbeing is a really important part of our learning process so children will be given strategies for mindfulness throughout the year. Towards the end of the term we will be looking how to stay safe around the roads.

Art/DT

Art will be linked to our topic. The children will design their own Egyptian artefacts as well as, explore Hieroglyphs and how they are used.

Music

This term we will listen to a range of music under the headings 'Let your Spirit Fly' and 'Mamma Mia'. We will learn interesting facts about great musicians and singer/songwriters. We will look at a range of music vocabulary and the different notes and what they mean. Through a series of lessons the children will listen, appraise and perform. Although we will not be singing, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will be performing using signing and also by playing the glockenspiel. Some children will also start to get involved in musical leadership, creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to.

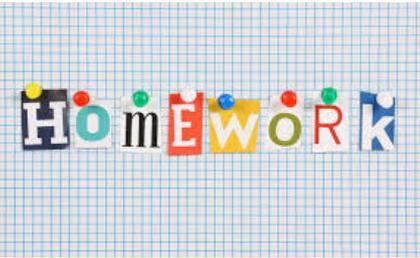
Computing

This term we will be focusing on E-Safety, cyberbullying and programming. The children will use Db Primary and Scratch to design and create programs and algorithms. Throughout the year we will also aim to integrate Computer science, digital literacy and IT concepts across the curriculum.

Spanish

In the Autumn term we will be focusing on core vocabulary and phonetics. There will be lots of exciting activities and games to provide opportunity to apply understanding and knowledge of the core vocabulary.

Homework



The intention of homework in Year 3 and 4 is to consolidate, practice and share skills learned in the classroom. It is also a chance for children to work independently or with somebody at home to complete a creative piece of work. Learning log homework will also be set at the start of the term and is a chance for the children to be imaginative and innovative!

Numeracy tasks will be set through DB Primary or on a paper sheet. DB Primary will be checked to ensure the children are accessing and completing the work set and sheet homework will be marked and kept in the Homework folder at school. Spellings and times table homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday.



Reading

Children are expected to read daily at home in order to foster a love of reading and practice their reading skills. Reading needs to be recorded in the children's reading record books which will be checked regularly.

Spellings

Children will have a list of spellings to learn each week and these will be tested in school, they will consist of High Frequency words and words that are Statutory in the National Curriculum.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any queries or questions about any aspect of your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you throughout the autumn term.

Please contact me on amunro@brigstockprimary.org.uk if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Munro