

Term 3 Class Newsletter 2024

Miss Thomas' and Mrs Woodward's Class News for the Term Ahead



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Welcome back Year 4

I hope you have all had a great break. As the months continue to be cold, please can you make sure that your child has a coat and maybe even a change of shoes in the cold weather. Could you also make sure that your child has their name on everything so that they are easy to find.

When the children have PE, they should continue to wear their Bitham Brook PE kit into school with the school jumper over the top (if weather conditions require a jumper). Please note the Bitham Brook PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings/tracksuit with trainers. Other sports clothing is not acceptable as it is important that, as a school, we have pride in our appearance. It is important that children do not attend school in casual clothing as we want to maintain the children's sense of education being important; pride in their appearance; and belonging to Bitham Brook.

Learning this Term

Maths

In Maths, we will be moving on to a new unit on specific multiplication facts and end the term with a unit on perimeter and converting lengths. We will continue throughout the term with our daily multiplication practise in preparation for the Multiplication fact check.

Writing

Our writing will be linked to our class book, 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We will start the term writing explanation texts before moving on to writing formal letters.

Reading

During reading we will be working our way through our class book 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King and interrogate the text using the skills of inference and prediction as well as developing our vocabulary skills. The children will be able to continue with their own reading and testing their understanding using Accelerated Reader.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is called 'Dreams and Goals'. In this unit, children will identify their own dreams and goals, how to help achieve these as well as what impact having a positive attitude can have.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at States of Matter. We will be learning about how materials can change between solids, liquids and gases and investigating how these changes can take place when there is a change in temperature. We will also be having a visit from the Wessex Water Outreach team.

Art

In Art this term, we will be painting. We will be building on knowledge of mixing and applying colours to create different effects comparing the styles of Helen Frankenthaler and Paul Cezanne.

Geography

We will be learning about Tropical Rainforests. We will learn about the key features of the rainforest ecosystem and the contributions they make to the world before finding out about the threats that they face due to humans.

Computing

In Computing, we will be data handling. We be learning about how to use spreadsheets and staying safe online with Safer Internet Day in February.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be focussing on the sport of Netball. The children will build on their netball skills learnt in term 1, applying techniques to help defend the ball while passing it up the court. The children will also participate in dance sessions on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

Music

We will be learning about popular music, focusing on 'Take the A train' by Billy Strayhorn and the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

RE

We will be learning about the forgiveness and asking the questions 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'

Homework

Spellings. Handed out on the first Monday of term. We will not be testing weekly but instead every 4 weeks. Spellings can also be found on the school website.

Continue to read at home.

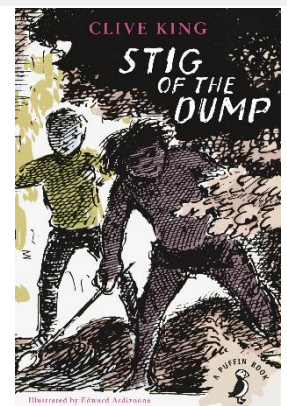
Continue practicing for times table challenges on Times Table Rock Stars.

PE

Tuesday - Dance

Thursday - Netball

Friday – Swimming



MESSAGES:

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT BRING TOYS INTO CLASS

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME IN WITH A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY