

Barn Croft Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Welcome to Year 3! The children are settling in well considering the big change it is being in KS2. I am looking forward to exploring some interesting and challenging subjects with them this year!

Please read with your children for a minimum of 20 minutes each day. They can record this in their yellow reading books and when they complete a whole page, they will get a stamp and a 'reading boost' (5 Dojo points).

English

This half term, we are using books to feed into our writing, focusing mainly on descriptive writing, but also exploring some different text formats (such as letters, instructions and predictive writing). We will be using drama to help us understand parts of the story and explore characters' feelings to help develop our inference skills.

Maths

Our priority this term is for Year 3 students to develop their understanding of place-value, number facts, and addition and subtraction facts. This will lead into using the column method, and understanding how one operation can be used to understand facts about the other (e.g. Using addition to work out subtraction facts more efficiently).

Topic: What makes the Earth angry?

We have been doing a mini-topic on Year 3's inspirational person, the Polish scientist and two-time Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie, however our main topic this term will be looking at volcanoes, how they form, erupt, affect people's lives, and where we can find them. You will have seen the Open Homework which has been set on this topic, and this will lead up to a class exhibition where children will be able to show off their work (and their knowledge) to their peers.

PE

The children will be developing hand-eye coordination skills and body-awareness through basketball this term, leading up to 5-against-5 matches where children use their skills in dribbling, passing, movement, special awareness and making/blocking shots to oppose or defend against another team.

Music

This term, Year 3 will be looking at rhythm and pitch in connection with a few different melodies, leading up to them learning and performing a particular song. They will also be learning to play the recorder with a music teacher and myself.

Please feel free to catch me in the morning or after-school outside my classroom if you would like to have a little chat or let me know about anything.

I'm looking forward to the rest of this half term and getting to know you and the children better. There is a lot to explore in Year 3 this half term, and I think they will enjoy what we have planned for them!

Mr Porter