

Dear Year 3 parents

Welcome back to the children's final term in year 3. Firstly, we want to say how proud we are of the children for what has been a fantastic first year in key stage 2 for them. Our topic this half term is 'Are You Civilized?' where the children will be learning about some of the earliest human civilizations; specifically the earliest cultures of The Indus Valley, Shang Dynasty (China), Ancient Sumer. We will also be comparing these to our work on Ancient Egypt. Our class read for this half term will be 'The firework makers daughter' by Phillip Pullman.

Mr Worth and Mrs Barrowcliff

Mathematics

This term, we will be returning to our work on fractions with a focus on addition and subtraction. We will also be introducing the children to Roman numerals, looking at am and pm, as well as digital and analogue time. Finally, we will be looking at different charts and graphs as part of our statistics unit. We will continue to practice the 8 times table, as well as consolidating the previously taught tables.

History

In this topic, we will be exploring four different ancient civilisations such as: the Shang dynasty, Indus valley and the Ancient Sumer. We will also be using what we learned in our topic about Ancient Egypt to compare them. We will start our topic by creating 'mud bricks', before looking at where and when the civilisations began. Furthermore, we will explore what it means to be civilised and look at how the inventions from that time changed the world.

Science

We will be completing our work on plants by exploring the structure of a flowering plant and how pollination occurs.

After, we will be starting our new topic all about light. The children will explore light sources, develop an understanding that dark is the absence of light, find out about reflection and explore shadows.

DT

This half term, we will be exploring simple structures. The children are going to be designing and making a free standing photograph frame designed for a specific person.

Are You Civilized?

Computing

In computing, we will be finishing our work on branching databases. After, we will be moving on to our last two topics which are focused on simulations and microbits.

PSHE

This half term we will be focusing our circle time sessions on physical health and mental well being.

Music

This half term, we will be continuing our work on rhythm and composition by consolidating our understanding of different notes and their values. We will compose and perform our final piece using untuned percussion.

English

For the first few weeks, we will be focusing on 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough to create our own version of his poem.

We will then be moving on to looking at playscripts. We will be immersing ourselves in different examples, exploring how they are written, before creating their own. They will then perform these in groups at the end of term.

Physical Education

This half term, we will be continuing with our swimming lessons every Tuesday morning. In outdoor PE (Friday afternoons), we will be focusing on athletics and learning to play rounders.

Sports week is the week beginning 23rd June and Sports day is the 25th June.

RE

In RE, we will be asking the question: 'How do family life and religious festivals show what matters to Jewish people?'