

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn term

Welcome to Year 3 and a new school year!

I hope that your child has an enjoyable but hard working year.

This Newsletter should give you an idea of what your child will be learning and other information about Year 3.



A little about me...

Let me introduce myself. My name is Mrs Kerr, and I'm a qualified Primary Teacher, having achieved Qualified Teaching Status and the PGCE in Primary Education. I also have a degree in modern foreign languages and I enjoy visiting different countries and using my language expertise as often as possible. I am really looking forward to getting to know and working with your child and with you over the coming year.



Year 3 Autumn Term Literacy

During the term we shall be covering the following units in our Literacy lessons.

- Narrative Stories with familiar settings
- Poetry Poems to perform and Language Play
- Non-fiction Reports and Instructions

We will be looking into the history of schools, including The Croft's history. The children will be writing reports about this. We will also be exploring story settings and link this to our topic of 'Armitage and Beyond' by describing local settings. The children will be learning to use strong adjectives and verbs and a variety of connectives in their written work.

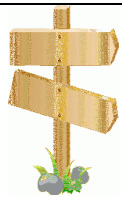


Year 3 Autumn Term Numeracy

During the term we shall be covering the following units in our Numeracy lessons:

Counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts (involving addition and subtraction), understanding shape, handling data and measures, calculating, measuring and understanding shape, relationships and calculating.

We will be reviewing the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as well as starting to learn 3, 4 and 6 times tables and I would encourage parents to help their children as much as possible to learn these by heart. We will be collecting data about the numbers and types of buildings on our local area walk around Armitage. Also, we will present the data in suitable graphs and interpret the data.



Year 3 Autumn Term Creative Curriculum

Our Creative Curriculum topic this term will be Armitage and Beyond: a study of the local history and geography of Armitage and then comparing it with Lichfield. Our Science topic will be linked to this through the study of Rocks and Soils (local rocks and canals). Cross-curricular links will be made, including designing and writing posters about the local area, writing poems about Armitage and creating directions from home to school.



Homework and Diaries

Year 3 will be issued homework on a Friday and it will be due in on the following Wednesday. House points are issued for being returned on time. Extra house points are achieved for a high standard of work and presentation. Homework will be used to support things we have covered in lessons.

The children will also be given weekly spellings to learn on a Wednesday to be learnt for the following Wednesday. Minute Maths will be done most mornings during the week to support Mental Maths development. During the year the children will be given their tables to learn.

In the new Homework Diaries, the children will write their Homework tasks. These need to be checked and signed by parents weekly. House points are also given for this.

Reading at home

The children are also expected to read their reading books on a regular basis at home. To encourage this we have a class reading ladder, which children can move up each time they read to someone at home and get their book signed. 10 house points can be achieved when they get to the top of the ladder - a great incentive! Children will read on a regular basis in school, including in class, one to one as well as being allocated a reading buddy.



Swimming and Games kit

Please ensure your child has the correct kit for the correct days. It can become very distressing for the pupils when they are worrying about not having the correct kit with them for activities, especially during Games in the winter months.

- Indoor Kit - white t-shirt and dark shorts
- Outdoor Kit - trainers and suitable clothing for cold weather

Please could you ensure that the kit is named. This also goes for school clothing as things are easily mislaid in our corridor and this is helpful for sorting out items.

Swimming is on a Monday afternoon and starts this term. Your child needs to bring swimming trunks or a swimming costume, a swimming hat and a towel.

Library Van

The County Library Van visits school on a Friday morning from where your child will be able to select a library book. Could you please ensure that your child has the relevant library books in school on a Friday. The classes that visit rotate regularly so if the books are in school ready, they may be changed.

Croft Primary School Virtual Learning Platform

The Class has been introduced to www.sln2.net -which I am sure they will willingly show you at home. So far they can log on using their username and password. This is a new development for our school where the children and parents can access resources and classroom materials from home.

Contact

I am normally available after school if you have any queries. I can also be contacted on my school email address which is staff19@croft.staffs.sch.uk . Please feel free to write any comments or messages in the Homework Diary and use it as a method of communication between school and home.

Thank you for your support, Mrs S Kerr