



Class 3 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome back Class 3!

We hope you all stayed safe and managed to have a break over the summer holidays. We have very much been looking forward to having you back at Barlow Primary as a full class after a turbulent 18 months. We welcome Miss Morse who will be our teaching assistant in Class 3 this term. We are very fortunate that Miss Morse is a qualified teacher and very much looks forward to meeting everyone on the first day back. On Mondays and Tuesdays, Mrs Smith will continue to teach Class 3 and Mrs Huggill will be teaching the rest of the week. Subjects have been shared between us to ensure there is a full coverage of curriculum throughout the year. We can't wait for our children to start our World War 2 topic.

English:

Our class novel this term is 'As the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle. We are focusing on this book to learn about what life was like during World War 2 and how this impacted on children, their families and the animals around them. This is a new author for our children to discover and learn new techniques. We will be covering a range of activities based on the text and explore the author's choice of language and vocabulary.



Maths:

In Maths, we are continuing the White Rose Maths framework to support children's progress within Maths. We will be furthering children's understanding of the four operations both in written and mental form in a variety of contexts. These skills will be applied to situations they might come across in everyday life and problem-solving activities. For children to achieve, they will need a sound understanding of their times tables facts up to 12 x 12 and number bonds. Practising these at home will be a huge help to embed their mental strategies and build on their efficiency.

Science:

This term we are focusing on Light and Electricity. We will perform experiments and learn the theory of reflection and refraction as well as studying the light spectrum. We will also be making circuits and learning how to use scientific symbols to produce circuit diagrams.

History and Geography:

We will be focusing on World War 2 (WW2) for our history and geography topics. We will be focusing on why WW2 started and the chronology of events, describing characteristics and features of the past, identifying change within the period linking to rationing and women's role during WW2. This will then lead into the physical and human Geography around Europe and the other countries involved and affected by WW2.

Design and Technology:

Linking to our topic of WW2, children will learn about different types of air raid shelters and how they were made as well as making a model of an Anderson shelter. Children will also create pictures depicting time during the Blitz and have the opportunity to develop their drawing skills.

R.E:

In our RE lessons, we will be following the REToday syllabus, covering our Christian values and the main stories and heroes from Christianity and other world faiths. This term will be focusing on the question 'Why do some people believe God exists?' This focuses on why people have faith and believe in God and some people don't or are undecided. We will also be looking at the different beliefs on how the world began and understanding the different theories around this.

Computing:

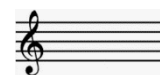
This term, we will be focusing on online safety, including sharing digital content, maintaining digital security and the reliability of sources at the beginning of term, and then move onto coding. This will recap what they have learnt in the previous year and include creating programs which repeat actions and use a variety of commands.

P.E:

Class 3 will have P.E sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. Please could children continue to come to school in their P.E kits on this day and ensure that if they have earrings that they are able to remove or tape them independently. They should also ensure that they have a water bottle. This term we will be focusing on fitness and general skills as well as looking at different running styles before moving on to teamwork, attacking and defending.

Music

In music, we will be singing as an ensemble and will listen, rehearse and play a simple piece of swing music based on music from the 1930's and 40's. Children will then perform those pieces to the class and any who feel confident enough will showcase their skills and perform to the school.

**Additional activities:**

If children would like to do any additional activities at home, we would recommend looking at Purple Mash where there are a range of games and information covering all the subjects in the curriculum. TTRockstars is another website where children can practise their times tables and their mental maths under the title 'Numbots'.

We expect all the children to be reading 4 – 5 times a week either with an adult or member of their family. This can then be recorded in their records and signed by parents every week. Reading can also be completed on our reading platform 'Bug Club'. If you need a log-in for any of these websites, please contact school and we will send them as soon as possible.

Please can all water bottles and uniforms be named so that everyone has their own belongings. If there are any questions or queries, please contact us via the office and we can arrange an appointment for the beginning or end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hugill, Mrs Smith and the Class 3 team.