



Class 3 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to 2022!

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families and return to school refreshed and looking forward to the term ahead. This term our Teaching Assistant will be Mr Ben Bringloe. Mr Bringloe joins us from Chapel Haddlesey and we are very much looking forward to welcoming him to Barlow and we are sure that the children will enjoy working with him.

English:



This term we are looking at the Mayans and our class book is 'Middleworld' by J & P Voelkel and is the first book in a four-part series so hopefully it will inspire the children to read them all. The book is full of make-believe, myths and magic, however the most amazing facts in it are true and we hope that this will introduce the children to new styles and genres. The book will be used to stimulate a range of activities and writing styles.

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 fractions and beginning to look at the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages before then applying the knowledge and skills to real-life situations 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 have a biology focus and will learn about the human circulatory system and evolution. We will study the major organs in the body that make the system up and how they all link together. We will also look at the positive effects on the body of a healthy lifestyle and also the impact of drugs on our health, before considering how plants and animals change and adapt over time.

History and Geography:

We will use our topic of the Mayans to look at the continents of North and South America and make geographical comparisons both within those continents and with the UK. We will also study areas of the Mayan civilisation including architecture, clothing and inventions and consider how they have impacted the world we live in today.

Design and Technology:

In DT this half term we will be taking the opportunity to have a go at some great Mayan crafts including mask making and weaving. The children will have the opportunity to research the role of masks in the Mayan culture and then design and make one of their own. We will also learn about the importance of weaving and make our own woven pieces.

R.E:

We will continue to follow the RE Today syllabus and this term will consider the question 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'. We will learn about the five pillars of Islam and how Muslims put them into practice in their everyday lives. Following this we will explore the Shahadah and its importance in the Muslim faith before considering how and why Muslims pray and take a detailed look at the pillar of Zakah.

Computing:

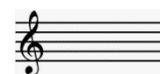
Computing this term will focus on the use of the internet, especially focusing on how search engines find and store data and how to use search engines effectively, ensuring that data is sourced and used responsibly, securely and safely.

P.E:

P.E sessions will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon, please could children continue to come to school in their P.E kits on this day. Please remember that school PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt or school polo shirt and plain navy or black bottoms and jumper. No items with large logos or hoodies should be worn. Please also ensure that if children wear earrings that they are able to remove or tape them independently, bringing their own tape or plasters from home. They should also ensure that they have a water bottle.

Music

Children will listen to and study the rhythms and timbre of Mayan music. They will then work in small groups to write, practise and perform their own pieces to the class and any who feel confident enough will have the opportunity to showcase their skills and perform to the school.



Additional activities:

If children would like to do any additional activities, 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'.

Another area that children could practise if they wish is spelling. Children should all have copies of the Y3/4 and Y5/6 word lists which they can refer to, if extra copies of these are needed please just let us know and we can print copies or add them to TEAMS.

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 login for any of these websites, please contact school and we will send them as soon as possible.

If there are any questions or queries about the learning for this term, please contact us and we'll be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time for a discussion, soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Orton, Mrs Smith and the Class 3 team.