



Welcome Back!

I have been so pleased to see how quickly the children have settled in and by the enthusiasm that they have shown. The half term got off to a great start with our trip to Brackenhurst.

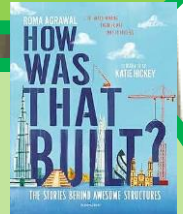
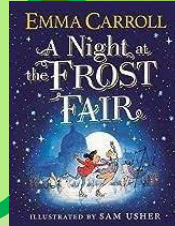
We have lots of exciting things planned leading up to the Christmas period, including class parties, the carol concert and the trip to the pantomime.

Please keep an eye out on Yammer for the next home-learning menu and future diary dates.

Below is an overview of what we will be learning about this half term. If you would like any further details about the curriculum, then please let me know!

Reading at home

All children have a school reading book which is kept at school for our reading sessions. Children can also choose a book from school to read at home or they may read a suitably challenging book that they have at home. Children are expected to read at least three times a week for twenty minutes. Please can reading that is done at home be signed on the right-hand side of the diary, and school comments will be done on the left.



Weekly Reminders

Thursday - Please hand in signed reading diaries every Thursday. Diaries will be handed back on Friday.

Thursday - Spelling test.

Friday - New spellings issued.

Daily - Please can children bring their reading diaries to school each day.

Children should also bring a water bottle and a **healthy snack** for morning (and afternoon if they wish) break. No chocolate, crisps or snacks containing nuts please.

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday the children will be doing yoga and on Fridays, they will be doing dance.

Further questions?

Please catch me (or a member of the Y3 team) on the door at the end of the school day. Alternatively, send me a message on Yammer. Please feel that you can approach us with any questions (no matter how small). We are all here to help.

Autumn 2 Curriculum

The information below will give you an overview of what areas we will be covering across the curriculum this term. Our theme this half term is '**Super, Strong Structures**' and is STEM focused. Our work in DT and English will be linked to this theme and there will also be a chance to apply mathematical and scientific skills.

Maths - We will be continuing with work on addition and subtraction for the first few weeks this half term and using column methods to add and subtract numbers with up to two exchanges. We will then be moving onto looking at multiplication with a focus on the $\times 3$, $\times 4$ and $\times 8$ times tables. Any extra work children can do on these tables would be a great benefit to them before we begin these lessons - even if it just asking your child five questions daily.

English - In guided reading, we will be exploring the book 'A Night at the Frost Fair' by Emma Carroll. This will be used to cover a variety of reading objectives. In English lessons we will be focusing on recounts. We will be writing a recount of our school trip to Brackenhurst focusing on paragraphs and fronted adverbials. We will also be using the text 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' as a basis for two types of recounts: an eyewitness report and an online newspaper report. We will also be exploring a range of non-fiction texts linked to our theme of structures in D&T and guided reading.

Science - This half term we will be continuing our topic on rocks and soils. In the first half term we explored properties of rocks and classification. This half term we will be looking closely at fossil formation and making our own fossils. We will be learning about some inspirational palaeontologists, past and present. We will then be carrying out an investigation using different types of soils.

DT - In DT, we will be exploring different types of structures and learning about how they were constructed. Children will be working in small groups to design and create their own stable structure (a stable tower over 50cm) using a range of materials. Children will need to follow a design brief and evaluate their final product.

RE - We will be exploring the question 'What is the Trinity?' and exploring how Christians show their beliefs about the Trinity, for example during baptism and prayer.

Music - We will be practising for the Christmas carol concert in KS2 sessions.

PSHE - Our theme is health and wellbeing. We will learn about keeping healthy both mentally and physically and celebrating what is wonderful about ourselves.