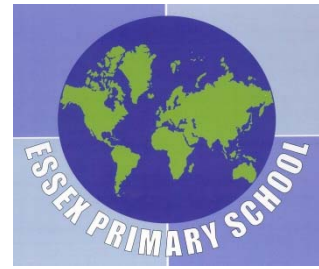


Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016



This term there are many exciting topics that the children will be learning about. They will be performing poetry, learning about climates around the world and exploring the subject of light in science. They will also be creating patterns which are linked to William Morris and making windmills in Design and Technology, which links to their learning about climates around the world in geography.

Homework:

Homework is a continuation of school work at home. The children are given activities that reflect what has been taught in the week. This is a great opportunity for your child to practise the skills they have learnt and try and apply them independently.

Please comment on the homework to let us know how your child found the level of challenge. Our aim is to provide homework that challenges as well as consolidates learning. Homework needs to be completed and handed in by Tuesday each week.

Reading: It is very important that children read aloud daily to an adult and discuss the story. Please write a short comment in their reading record to communicate to us how they are reading at home.

Spellings: Weekly spellings should be practised at home in readiness for the spelling test each week. The children should practise writing the words in a sentence in their homework book to check they understand its meaning.

Literacy: A writing task is given, based on the week's teaching and learning, for a variety of subjects.

Numeracy: Activities are given based on the unit of work taught that week. An example may be given, as a reminder to children of how to solve the problem.

Speak Up! Talk Homework will be included in the homework. A poem will be given to be learned off by heart at the beginning of each half term. These will be performed in an assembly each half term.

PE days

Wednesday/ Friday: Gym

Tuesday/Thursday: Outdoor P.E.



Topics for this term

Literacy:

- **Writing** - This term the children will be writing adventure stories and a biography of Ignatius Sancho, which links to the topic of Black History Month. Children will also be writing a recount and narrative within the context of The Christmas Story.
- **Reading** - During Guided Reading the children will focus on developing different reading strategies and their comprehension skills. They will be taught to read with expression and to read for understanding. Discussing the books children bring home, will help with this.
- **Spellings** - Spellings will be issued on Fridays to be practised at home as part of the weekly homework. The children will use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check strategy to learn their spellings. Spellings will be assessed through a weekly spelling test.
- **Speak Up!** We are continuing to promote Standard English in both speaking and writing.

Science - We will be learning about light, noticing that light is reflected from surfaces, recognising that light from the sun can be dangerous, and learning about shadows. We will also be learning about forces and magnets.

Computing - Online safety

Geography - Climates around the world

Art - creating patterns in the style of William Morris

Design and Technology - Making windmills, which is linked to geography.

Numeracy:

- We will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 and learning strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will also be learning about measures, fractions and shape.
- Please ensure your children know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables as we will be learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables in Year 3.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask the Year 3 Teachers: Miss Patora, Mr Field, Mrs Nair, and Mr Chesters.

Miss Patora
Year 3 Group Leader