

Year 3 Newsletter

Curriculum for the Spring Term

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the Year 3 newsletter. We are really pleased to be back together with lots of new learning ahead of us.

Homework

Reading- Please continue to read regularly with your child. This will build on fluency and comprehension. There will be some more information about a new reading initiative soon....

Time tables- The children are enjoying passing their time tables. Please continue to practice these at home. The times tables we will learn this year are 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s and 10s.

Every Friday your child will be tested on a group of spellings. New spellings will be sent out on Fridays.

Email addresses:

t.o'brien@newtonleysprimary.org
l.clarke@newtonleysprimary.org
b.banihashemi@newtonleysprimary.org
k.stubbs@newtonleysprimary.org

Our topic themes this term are: **Flow and Tremors.**

Maths - Multiplication and Division, Money, statistics, length and fractions.

English - Writing for a range of genres both fiction and non-fiction.

Science - Rocks and Soils

History - Ancient Greece

Geography - Water cycle, Rivers, Volcanoes,

P.E. - Tuesday / Wednesday
Swimming, basketball and Football.

Design Technology - Water wheels, Volcanoes

Art - Water colours

Computing - Excel, introduction to scratch

R.E. - Christianity.

Spanish - broadening of vocabulary

Fancy a Challenge?

Have a look at these:

What will you choose to do?

- How many songs can you list that mention water or rivers? Get your family and friends to help, and then have some fun singing a selection!
- Help organise your family's recycling, taking the glass to a bottle bank or visiting your local household waste recycling centre.
- Visit a river and test the flow by playing Pooh sticks. It's easy... just drop a stick from a bridge into the water and let it race your friends' sticks under the bridge!
- Visit a gallery and look at river paintings. Why do you think so many artists are inspired by water? Draw, paint or take photos of a beautiful river scene.
- Grow something edible. Potatoes are easy to grow and tasty to eat!
- Be a landscape gardener! Visit a garden centre and look at water features. Could you make one in your garden? You'll need water, soil, pipes, jugs and maybe some pretty stones.
- Go pond dipping. Take a net and a light-coloured bowl or bucket to get a good view of your collected specimens. Remember to put back any creatures you catch.
- Help a member of your family to wash a car, or visit an automatic carwash. Which method do you think uses the least water?
- Make a rain gauge and use it to measure rainfall in your garden.
- Put on wellies on a wet day and go on a puddle expedition. See who can find the biggest puddle, then splash through it!
- Place different items in a puddle or water-filled container to see which ones float and which ones sink. Maybe not your adult's mobile phone.
- Experiment with water current. See if you can make things move in or across water without touching them.
- Make rainbows with a garden hose on a sunny day. Are you dressed for a water fight?
- Watch raindrops race down a window. Choose one to watch and see what happens as it meanders down and comes into contact with other droplets.
- Find out how to save water around the home. Make a list of top tips to advise your family on water conservation.
- At the supermarket, check out and compare the ingredients of household cleaning products. Many contain harmful chemicals which are washed down the drain. Encourage your adults to buy eco-friendly products, or even make your own from natural substances like vinegar and lemon juice.