

Class 3 Spring Term Newsletter 2023



Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and are fully refreshed for the exciting, busy term ahead.

Teaching in Class 3: Ms Chapman will continue to be the class teacher with Mrs Farraday and Mrs Craggs also teaching regularly. The class is supported by Mrs Matheson and Mrs Court.

PE Lessons are scheduled to take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. A light waterproof and spare socks are strongly advised during the winter months as P.E. sessions still go ahead if it is raining. Trainers are also essential - pupils are not allowed to wear school shoes for P.E. Please try to have P.E kits in school every day as session times may change on short notice.

Feel Good Fridays also continue this term with Barrow Raiders coming in each Friday to work with all pupils in Class 3 either as part of active lunchtime play or for specific rugby coaching during afternoon lesson time. As a result, we would like pupils in class 3 to come to school every Friday in their PE kits which will be brought home by pupils every Thursday afternoon.

Water bottles should be clearly named and only contain water. Bottles can be refilled in school throughout the day.

Reply slips and payments can be placed in the classroom box before the morning register is taken. Please check bags regularly for letters.

Homework: Pupils are set the main homework on a Monday, this should be handed in by the following Monday. Pupils are asked to complete IDL regularly alongside TT Rock Stars. Short sessions of both of these are most effective.

Spellings are tested and new words are set on a Monday. Students will have a set of 5 or more words to learn. These are based on the spelling rule we are exploring in school. Spellings should be practised little and often; strategies for this are learned in school.

Students are expected to read regularly at home, reading daily to an adult for around ten minutes. This should be recorded in reading records alongside any notes on the reading (particular discussions, tricky words etc). Parents are asked to record reading in the reading diaries rather than children writing a comment themselves. In school, children will read to an adult every week in a guided reading session. Children may also be heard read on a 1-1 basis intermittently.

Contact: If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at class3@levens.cumbria.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Urgent queries or information, including drop-off and pick-up arrangements, should be sent to office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk as the class email account is not monitored daily. I am often available at the end of the school day for a brief chat if you have any questions or concerns. You can also keep up with our learning in school by visiting our website blog and our class page.

Curriculum Overview:

Maths: We start the spring term by continuing with our multiplication topic. We will then look at measurements, including perimeter and area. Following this, we will learn about fractions. This will include comparing fractions, adding and subtracting and some problem solving.

English: In the spring term we will look at books by the amazing author Anthony Browne. Following this we will look at poetry by Michael Rosen, including the fantastic 'Chocolate Cake'. We will also be looking at *The Owl and the Pussycat* and also *The Further Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat*.

Science: We cover two different science topics this term. We begin the term by looking at living things and using keys to identify animals and plants. We will also look at plants with a focus on identifying the parts of a plant and then focusing on the parts of a flower. There will be lots of exciting experiments being carried out!

Topic: The children had a fantastic time learning about the Stone Age. This term we will move on to our geography topic on the British Isles. We will locate the counties, islands, seas and major cities of the British Isles. We will then look at the key features of Cumbria and learn about National Parks with a focus on the Lake District. We will also be identifying human and physical features and the differences between hamlets, villages, towns and cities. This will include lots of map work and fieldwork, such as field sketches.

SCARF: SCARF stands for the values we uphold in school - Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. In explicit teaching sessions we will cover topics under the themes of 'valuing difference' and 'being my best'.

PE: Basketball, gymnastics, hockey and orienteering are our engaging topics for PE this term. We will learn to orientate a map, use a control card and navigate a course safely, whilst also developing our team work skills. Our passing and attacking skills will continue to be developed along with travelling and balancing in a variety of ways, including using the apparatus. Our P.E slots are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday. Don't forget that every Friday, children come to school in their P.E kits as they will all be having a fun-filled session with Barrow Raiders.

Computing: We will be learning all about the internet this term, including how to stay safe online and the content of the internet and its reliability.

RE: Our Christian Value for this term is koinonia. Our topics in the spring term are parables and what believers may learn from these. We will also learn why Christians call the day Jesus died, Good Friday.

D&T: Following our amazing topics in the autumn term we will be looking at seasonal fruit and vegetables and their health benefits. Just before Easter, we will look at electrical systems and design our own electrical safety poster.

Art: Art will focus on two topics this term: collage and digital art. The work of Suzsi Cario and Andy Warhol will inspire our creations!

French: Revising and consolidating our knowledge of French food and healthy eating. We will also develop our translation skills when looking at the play *Cinderella* in French.