

Blowers Green Primary School

Year 3



Summer

2017

Over the next half term those of us in Class 3 will be learning a range of topics that will be taught through focus weeks.

In **History**, we'll be finding out all about:

- different types of castles.
- The jobs that people did inside them.
- How people attacked and defended them.

We will also be visiting Warwick Castle to see what life for people who lived and worked there. As well as seeing what the inside of a castle would have been like compared to our own houses.

In **Geography** we will be finding out about how our local area has changed over time. We will visit the Black Country Living Museum to see how lifestyles, technology and jobs have changed.

In **Art**, we'll be finding out:

- How to mix different shades of colours and different painting techniques.
- How we can use the printing technique to create patterns.

In **ICT** this term we will look at how to gather and present information using different types of software. We will produce and present a mini-project based on a castle of our choice.

In **DT** this term we will be looking at levers and linkages and producing a greetings card that involves moving parts.

Literacy: This term Class 3 will be reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

From this lovely story, the children will be writing in a range of genres including diary entries, non-chronological reports, letters and persuasive adverts.

Numeracy: We will be covering a range of skills in Numeracy with a focus on calculations and mental methods which children will be able to practise at home. Please encourage children to practise their times tables, and use the mental maths tests and times table clubs that are sent home each week to improve their scores!

Science: This half term we will be exploring a new topic, 'Plants'. Our children will be encouraged to investigate and follow lines of enquiry in order to acquire knowledge of scientific phenomena and build upon and extend their prior knowledge.

RE: In Religious Education children will be exploring significant events and celebrations in different religions which link to our sense of belonging to different groups. The children will be encouraged to share their own religious experiences whilst developing their understanding of those they may not be familiar with.

Music: This term children will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder as well as exploring the history of music and learning different genres of song.

PE: Physical Education is an important part of our curriculum. Activities this term will focus on athletics and sports day. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every Wednesday and Friday and that any jewellery is left at home on these days.

Homework: : Maths homework and Handwriting will be given out on Fridays. We would expect that homework is returned by the following Monday. If children struggle with any questions, they can ask for help in school.

The 'Super Sentences' will need to be kept at home so that children can practise these ready for a test each Friday. In the test children will be asked to write the sentences exactly as they are on their homework, including punctuation in the correct places.

Reading at Home: Reading books and diaries must be in school every Monday and Thursday for the children to receive their reading stamp but we expect your child to read at home daily. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week in order for the children to get the stamp in their reading diary. Books will be changed Mondays and Thursdays.

Reading is very important and we appreciate your support. Remember children don't have to only read books! Newspapers, comics, the internet, television guides and games rules are all texts too!

Poetry recital: Each term children will be given poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes as well as answering a number of questions.. This helps improve children's skills of comprehension, speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range—which improves their writing! By the end of the summer term, the children need to have read 10 poems in order to gain their Poetry Recitation Badge!

Reading Challenge: The Year 3 Reading Challenge requires children to read 6 fascinating books over the academic year and answer a set of questions for each book. Please support your child to complete this challenge by the end of term!



**Thank you for your support!
Here's to a stunning
Summer Term!**

Mr Smith and Mrs Patel