

Engage, Enquire, Excel at Millfield

Year 3/4

Welcome back!

We hope you have enjoyed your October half term break. The children have returned to school eager to continue their learning. As part of our first week back, we finished our science based LCC topic, 'Why is a rock lively?' We have now started our new LCC topic!

Engagement and Enquiry through our Learning Challenge – “Why is a rock lively?”

The Learning Challenge for this half term will be a history based LCC topic about the Romans and much of our learning will be directly linked to this. We will be exploring the everyday life of a Roman, including worship, jobs, buildings and hobbies.

English and Maths

English

Within English, we will be focusing on the text, 'Escape from Pompeii.' The text links with our LCC and tells the story of two children who escape the volcanic eruption in Pompeii. Our Guided Reading and English sessions will be based on the text and by the end of the topic, the children will write their own version of the story.

Maths

This half term we will continue to have a focus on times tables. Year 3 children need to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of the year. Year 4 children need to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. Every maths lesson will start with times tables learning and practising. This half term we will focus on addition and subtraction. The children will learn how to use various methods to complete their calculations, including the expanded and compact column method. We will then move onto multiplication and division.

The wider curriculum linked to our Learning Challenge: 'What did the Romans do for us?'

Our history based LCC topic, 'What did the Romans do for us?', will give the children the opportunity to learn about:

- Know that the Romans believed in many Gods rather than one and that these were closely linked to the Greek Gods.
- Know that the Romans worshipped these Gods; provided sacrifices to them and built temples for them.
- Understand the significance that faith had in everyday Roman life.

Through our 'What did the Romans do for us?' topic, the children will also have the opportunity to:

- Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied and ask a variety of questions.
- Identify key features and events and offer a reasonable explanation for some events.
- Begin to develop a broad understanding of ancient civilisations. Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event
- Consider the evidence available and the source from which it came.

Other subjects within the wider curriculum

Music - Year 3/4 are very fortunate to have Mrs Clough teach music on a Wednesday afternoon. We will continue to cover various music areas/themes including song structure, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, melody, the musical stave and position/value of notes and there will be opportunities to improvise, compose and perform. Children will be introduced to different musical genres such as R & B/Western Classical/Films/Musicals/Motown/Soul.

PE

This half term, the two sessions for P.E. will focus on gymnastics and stacking cups with opportunities to play games in the hall. The new P.E. teacher will lead the gymnastics P.E sessions.

Computing

The children will be starting a new scheme of learning soon, but are becoming familiar with using the new Chromebooks. They are using the Chromebooks at present to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes.

PSHE

We will be looking at 'Friendship and Families' this half term.

Useful Information

Home Learning

Homework will be sent home every Friday and will need to be returned the following Wednesday. We will be sending home a paper copy of the home learning but anything that is sent home will also be put onto the Google Classroom.

PE kit

Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. An outdoor kit should be included and take into account the more inclement weather. The PE timetable for each class is as follows:

3/4B - PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Both indoor and outdoor kits are needed.

3/4L - PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Both indoor and outdoor kits are needed.

3/4N - PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Both indoor and outdoor kits are needed.

Useful websites- for both children and parents

Maths:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

English:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/spelling-in-year-3-and-year-4>

<https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/>

<http://www.pobble365.com/>