

Luther-King Newsletter

Autumn 2016

We have a very exciting term planned and we will have lots of opportunities for great learning!

Topic – Chocolate

This term we will study 'Chocolate', which is a relevant topic for the city we live in.

- In Geography, we will learn how particular localities have been affected by human activities. We will also study fair trade and how weather and climate effects people around the world.

- In History, we will study past societies where chocolate has had an important role, such as the Aztecs. We will learn about the lives of the people in these periods and find differences to our own society.

- In Science, we will carry out fair investigations to study changing of state. We will also use scientific equipment to answer our own questions and line of enquiry. Caring for teeth will also be an area covered.

- In Art and Design, we will create a range of 'packaging' and making improvements to our designs.

We will hold an exit task in November, date TBC.

Times-tables

In year 3, your child is expected to learn, off-by-heart, their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10x tables.

Over the next few weeks, I will send home a 'tables pack' which will include the tables I would like your child to work on next. They will be tested weekly on a Wednesday.

Morning Routine

As part of our daily routine, we start each morning (8.40) with a task to help us start the day.

Each week, the tasks will rotate between spelling, handwriting and times-tables tasks.

Please remind your child to leave their bags in the cloakroom, but to bring through their reading record and book into the classroom.

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Ordering and partitioning 3-digit numbers.
- Adding and subtracting 3d numbers on a number line.
- Using number facts to solve problems more easily.
- Counting in 25, 50 and 1/4
- Finding patterns in numbers
- Multiplying multiples of 10 and using the SMILE method.

Learn-Its

Your child will be sent home their weekly, completed learn-it test (times-tables). These are a grid with 3 levels on. The aim is for your child to complete as many as possible in 60 seconds. They will receive rewards when they move onto the next level.

Literacy

In literacy we will study:

- Using 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' to explore fantasy worlds.
- Recognising verbs, adverbs, nouns, adjectives and prepositions.
- Using punctuation for statements, commands and questions.
- Improving our handwriting.

Grammar Hammer

Each week, your child will work on a 'grammar check' which will help them to understand the Y3 areas of spelling and grammar. Some homework tasks will be sent home to help their learning with these.

PE

PE days **are Tuesday** and **Friday**. It is recommended that your child has their PE kit everyday as the timetable can change to accommodate other events we have on. **Please check all items of clothes are named.**

Homework and Spellings

We will send 1 piece of homework each week on a Friday. This must be returned, completed, on a Thursday. This is so we have time to look at all the lovely work before books are sent home again. We make sure homework tasks are fun and only revise what we have already learned in school that week, so they should not be too difficult or hard for the children to complete.

Please ensure your child practises their spellings correctly at home using the 'look, cover, write, check' method. This is a very important part of your child's learning and helps them to achieve important objectives at a Year 3 level.

Some new language you will see in the spellings this year are:

- **Suffix** - These are a group of letters added to the end of a root word, for example, starteded fearful. Children will study using '-ment', '-ful', '-ness' and '-ly'

- **Prefix** - These are letters added before the word to add further meaning, for example, autograph and submarine. We will study 'sub-', 'auto-', 'pre-' and 'over-'.

Your child may also be sent home with a separate list of spellings, mainly words they have been previously been taught but need to continue to revise. These will be mainly 'exception words' that do not fit in with other spelling rules we study. You should continue to practise these, when possible. Thank you in advance.

Wider Opportunities

When studying our topic, it is really lovely when we are able to make links with our community.

If you know of anyone who works in the chocolate industry in York who could help us study our topic in some way, please get in touch.

We will be going on a trip as part of our topic, and information will be sent about this at a later date.

Reading at home

It is lovely to see the love of books that our class have. We always try to ensure the books your child brings home are their level however they are allowed to choose another book that interests them from the library.

As they start to read longer stories and chapter books in year 3, we do encourage children to make sure they finish stories. You are always welcome to chat to us about your child's reading books.

If you ever have any queries or questions, you are always welcome to chat to us at the end of the day. If you have any notes that need to be passed on before the day starts, please write these in a short note for your child to bring into school.

Mr Hazeldine, Miss Cashmore and Mrs Murrie