



St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School
Class 3 Newsletter
Terms 3 and 4 2024



2024

Welcome back to the start of another new year and what is bound to be a busy term ahead!

On behalf of all the Class 3 staff we would like to thank you all for your cards and gifts and we hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break.

English

Our writing will focus on a range of genres including narratives, poetry, non-chronological reports and explanation texts. In each lesson, we will focus on the text, drawing out new language and grammatical features, before thinking about how we can use a good example of the text to write our own versions. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught alongside these lessons.

Maths

In our maths, we will be learning different strategies to help us with multiplication and division. We will also learn about length and perimeter of shapes, mass and capacity of objects, fractions and decimals. Each unit of work builds on our understanding to help us solve reasoning and problem-solving questions. As always, our times tables prove to be a crucial part of our maths learning. Please do keep practising these with your child.

Foundation Subjects

In Science, we will be exploring plants in Term 3 and animals, skeletons and nutrition in Term 4. Our Geography in Term 3 will aim to answer the enquiry question: 'How could you make a map of our local area?', which will include a trip doing fieldwork around the village. History in Term 4 term, titled 'Ancient Egypt and other Ancient Civilisations', will include identifying the achievements of ancient civilisations, comparing these civilisations and using evidence to investigate why the Ancient Egyptians built temples, tombs and pyramids. In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating a decorative cushion fit for Queen Cleopatra of Ancient Egypt. Our RE asks the question, 'Why are festivals important to religious communities?' and will delve into Hinduism, Muslimism and Judaism. We follow our Jigsaw scheme of learning for PSHE and will have the opportunity to talk about 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday and will be athletics and gymnastics (Term 3), followed by dance and cricket (Term 4).

Please do continue to make sure that your child has the correct kit for indoor and outdoor activities, including plimsolls for gymnastics.

Earrings should be removed on these days.

As well as a local trip planned for Term 3, which will tie in with our learning in Geography as we do some fieldwork around the village, we will also be going to Maidstone Museum. In Term 4 we will focus on ancient civilisations and, in particular, Ancient Egypt.