

Class 3 Autumn Term Newsletter 2024



Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for the busy term ahead.

Teaching in Class 3: Ms Chapman will continue to be the class teacher with Mrs Craggs teaching PE once a week. The class is supported by Mrs Mason.

PE Lessons are scheduled to take place on Monday afternoons and Barrow Raiders will be delivering sessions on Friday 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 as pupils are not allowed to wear school shoes for P.E. Year 4 will be swimming on Wednesday morning until half term and Year 3 will be doing P.E in school at this time. Earrings must be removed for swimming; and either removed or covered for all P.E lessons. PE kit must be stored in a PE bag not rucksacks as we do not have room for these in the cloakroom.

For swimming, Year 4 pupils will require a towel, swimming costume or trunks and a swimming cap.

Pupils who do not have the correct kit in school will not be able to take part so....

Please try to have PE kits in school every day as session times may change at short notice.

If your child cannot participate in the PE lessons please either send a **note or email** to the class 3 email account.

Watches- Can be worn to school but must be removed for PE. Please note that smartwatches are not permitted.

Water bottles- Every child should have a water bottle in school every day and these should be clearly named and only contain water. Bottles can be left in school and refilled throughout the day.

Book Bags should be in school every day. Children can store these in their trays. Packed lunches can be stored on a trolley in the cloakroom.

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. The children will be practising these in school as well.

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. Children are challenged to

use the words in sentences to ensure they fully understand the words. The children will also be learning the spellings from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list, practising these at home is also hugely beneficial, a list of these spellings is included with this letter.

Regular reading is an essential aspect of learning. Pupils 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 their own reading book on a 1-1 basis intermittently. Reading books will be changed by myself, but children will be encouraged to hand their books in when they have finished them, this increases their independence and encourages the children to take responsibility for some of their learning.

Children are rewarded for regular reading and hand in reading records to be monitored on a daily basis.

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.

Please also keep up with our learning in school by visiting our website blog and our class page.

Curriculum Overview:

Maths: We start the year by looking at place value, following this we will look at addition and subtraction including written methods. We will then move on to looking at multiplication and division and finish the term by looking at area.

English: This term we will look at poetry connected to fireworks and Diwali, we will look at fact files, instructions and story writing (focusing on fronted adverbials and grouping sentences into paragraphs). We will look at the books Stone Age Boy, How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, Ug: Boy Genius and The Tooth Book.

Science: This term we will be learning about animals including humans. This will include bones and digestion, healthy eating and teeth. This will include lots of exciting experiments.

Topic: Stone Age to Iron Age will be our focus for this term and will include a trip to Keswick. We will learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and changes throughout this period in history.

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 'Me and my relationships' and 'Rights and responsibilities'.

PE: Mrs Craggs will be teaching one PE session and I will be teaching the other session. This half term, Year 4 we will be looking at confidence in the water and water safety, along with learning and developing different swimming strokes and Years 3 and 4 will be learning invasion skills. 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, more details on this will follow.

Computing: We will be looking at connecting computers the first half term. After half term we will be learning about the internet.

RE: Our Christian Value for this term is truth. Our topic in the first half of the autumn term is 'Called by God' examining what it means to be called by God in different religions. Following this we will look at Christmas, in particular why Jesus is described as the light of the world.

D&T: Our first D and T topic will be pneumatic toys; this will take place in the first full week of term. Shoe boxes are needed for this topic. Later on in the term we will work on a textile topic producing a pin cushion. Spare material and stuffing would be greatly appreciated.

Art: Art will focus on two topics this term; we will look at Stone Age drawings producing stone circle pictures. After this we will look at cave paintings. Both of these link perfectly with our history topic.

French: We will be learning about transport and different forms of travel. We will also look at shopping, this will include numbers 1 to 69.

Trips for the year 2024-25 for Class 3

These are the trips which are planned for the academic year, but please note there may be additions and changes to this. News of all trips and events will be published on the website and via parent/carer letters.

<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Woodmatters- Footprint Centre (approximate cost £13)	White Scar Cave (approximate cost £8)	Sizergh Castle (approximate cost £5)
Castlerigg Stone Circle and Keswick Museum (approximate cost £18.50)	Stop Frame Animation workshop (In school workshop with cost to parent/carers of around £10)	KS2 visit to a synagogue (cost to be confirmed)
Whole school theatre trip (approximately £12.80)		