



Newby and Scalby Primary School

Year 3 Newsletter Term 3 2024



Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have all had a good Christmas break and are ready and raring to go this year! Below is a little summary of what Year 3 are aiming to achieve by the end of Term 3.

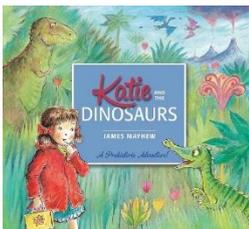
CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

ART: In Art, we will be learning how to use watercolours and exploring how different effects can be achieved.



We will also be learning about our Year 3 artist, Georgia O'Keeffe.

ENGLISH: In Term 3, we will begin with poetry; creating our own volcano Haikus which will be performed to the rest of the class. We will then be exploring narratives and reading the text, 'Katie and the dinosaurs' by James Hayhew. The children will become writers and create their own adventure for Katie using a sequential structure:



'While on a visit to the national history museum, Katie finds a forbidden door... what is behind the door and where will the door lead?'

To end the term, we will be exploring and identifying the key features of comic strips. We will then use these features to create our own comic strips.



Alongside our English lessons, we will have a grammar and punctuation focus. This term we will be learning about prepositions and identifying these in our writing. We will also learn when to use 'a' or 'an', depending on the sound the following word begins with. We will also continue to develop our understand of the different word classes.

PE: This term, we are learning about and developing our skills in football. Just a reminder that Class 7 PE days are Monday and Wednesday and Class 8 are Wednesday and Thursday. Children will need to come to school in PE kits with trainers. Also, long hair must be tied back, and earrings must be taken out before school or their PE lesson. As we are learning football, we will be doing our PE lessons outside, weather permitted.

PSHE: In Term 3, we will be focusing on 'becoming an active citizen.' We will begin by talking about rules and think about why we have different rules for different situations. The children will then start to think about how the choices we make, such as recycling, can have an impact on the local, national and global communities. We will talk about Greta Thunberg and what impact she has had on the world being a young activist. The children will also learn about where to find impartial advice to inform their decision making and know who to go to for different situations. To end, we will discuss the term 'bias' and understand that the media can be biased.

RE: This term we will be focusing on Christians in Britain and asking ourselves, 'What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?' We will find out what kind of things happen in Churches.

Reading: In Reading this term, we will be looking at the meaning of words, developing comprehension skills and exploring non-fiction texts based on Mary Anning, rocks, fossils, soils, volcanoes, earthquakes and Tsunamis. Each week, both classes have a library slot where they can explore the range of interesting and exciting books that we have in school. At Newby, we want to promote a love of reading, and this can continue at home. As part of the weekly, homework activities, we would like children to read and discuss texts with their grown-ups.

SCIENCE: In Science, we will be working scientifically to identify, classify and group a variety of rocks and fossils. Some of the key words we will be learning are: Rock, stone, pebble, properties, igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, crystals, soil, layers, permeable, impermeable, durable, high/low density.

TYPES OF ROCKS

IGNEOUS		SEDIMENTARY		METAMORPHIC	
					
Granite	Scoria	Sandstone	Limestone	Marble	Slate
					
Pumice	Obsidian	Shale	Conglomerate	Quartzite	Gneiss

SPELLING: Each week in school we will focus on a new spelling rule. As part of the weekly homework, children will be sent a list of words to learn which follow these rules. Please can you help your child to learn these words and check their understanding as they will be tested on these the following week. An overview of the term's spellings, including the rules and patterns, is available on the Year 3 area of the school's website. Below is a copy of the Year 3/4 statutory words that the children also need to learn.

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
accidentally	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actual	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
actually	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
address	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	although
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	thought
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	through
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	various
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	weight
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	woman
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	women
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	
calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	



OTHER: This term, the children will be taking part in a litter pick in the local community.