

Dragonflies and Bumblebees



Welcome to Year 3!

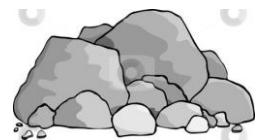
We hope you have had an amazing summer holiday and are relaxed and ready for the year ahead. We have got some very exciting things coming up this year and can't wait to get started. At Moorlands we strongly believe in the partnership between school and parents in each child's learning. Each half term we will send home a curriculum newsletter outlining the work your children will be covering. We hope this will help you to support your child at home.

Wider Curriculum and Science



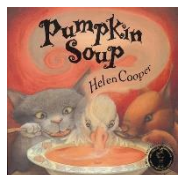
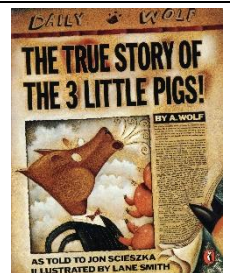
During this half term the children will be learning all about Volcanoes and the Roman invasion of Britain. We will learn about roman settlements, how they influenced our lives today and the geographical knowledge surrounding volcanoes around the world.

In Science the children will begin to understand all about rocks. We will look at the different types of rocks, how they are formed and what they are used for.



English

In English this half term, we are looking at The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We are using this text to write a newspaper article about the wolf's innocence in contrast with the original fairy tale.



Following this, we will be using the text Pumpkin Soup to write instructions in order to inform. For this we will be using imperative verbs and adverbs to add more detail. We will be practicing handwriting three times a week in class as well as sending homework home each week for further practice.

Maths

This half term we will be refreshing and deepening the children's understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We will be doing this through a range of contextual stories, word problems, games and challenges. We will also begin to look at Multiplication and Division in Autumn 2.



Mental maths will now form part of our daily Maths lessons, in which we will be practicing the skills relevant to our current topic (e.g. counting in 2s, 5s and 10s during addition and subtraction)

PSHE

This half term we will work on the theme of 'Being Me in My World' and work on getting to know each other again after the holidays as well as thinking about why we have rules, how our actions affect ourselves and others and to work cooperatively with other people.



Vocabulary to be used in this theme will include –

similar different learning charter rules responsibilities
challenge team work cooperate choices rewards
consequences belong action

RE



In RE lessons this half term the children will be beginning to learn about Sikhism. They will learn about a Sikh community and what it means to be part of it as well as the 5 K's.

Spelling

We will be having daily spelling lessons looking at common exception words and a range of spelling patterns.

Soon we will be sending common exception words (similar to the reading bookmarks) for your children to practice for a spelling test at the end of the week.



Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday and due back in every Thursday along with reading diaries.



Reading challenge!

Your child will be tasked with reading 4 times a week with you at home to earn stars in their rocket reading challenge booklet. Please write in your child's diary to show they have been reading with you at home and hand this in along with their homework on a Thursday.

We look forward to spending the year helping your Dragonflies and Bumblebees grow, please do not hesitate to contact either Miss Stevens or Mrs Jenks if you have any questions.