



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.

Topic and Science

This half term the children will be starting to learn about the books over the years. They will begin to understand the different ways that words have been written down and how books have changed. We will also be learning about a famous author.



After October half term, we will be looking at comic books, superheroes and how this style of writing has evolved over the years. This will include our first dress up day of the year, which you will hear more about nearer the time!

In Science the children will begin to understand that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support.



English

We will be beginning the year with looking at a selection of books by Oliver Jeffers and writing our own stories in his style. We will be focussing on making sure our stories have morals and a lesson can be learnt from them. We will be looking at time conjunctions during these lessons.



After half term, we will be looking at writing a newspaper report, to practice our non-fiction writing skills!

Towards the end of the term, we will be using all our knowledge about different types of writing to create our own comic strips, using our superheroes we will be designing!

The children will be practicing their handwriting every day this half term and will be bringing handwriting home each week.

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 be looking at Money at the end of the Autumn term.



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.

Spelling

We will be having daily spelling lessons looking at common exception words and a range of spelling patterns concentrating this term on prefixes. We will also be sending the new sets of spellings home weekly and we will be practicing them during our daily handwriting sessions. The children will be tested on their spellings on a Friday.



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 on the class leaderboards as well as 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.

Curriculum Targets

In Bumblebees Class, we have made the decision to keep curriculum targets solely based on non-negotiables that the children will be familiar with, which will be reviewed at half term.

Reading

I change my book every week.

Bronze

I read at home at least twice a week.

Silver

I read at home 5 times a week or more.

Gold

Writing

I can write the long date in my book and underline it with a pencil and ruler.

Bronze

I can use the correct letter sizes and finger spaces when writing.

Silver

I can join my letters using in strokes and lead outs (flicks).

Gold

Maths

When writing a number I only put one number in each box.

Bronze

I can draw a margin that is 3 squares wide using my ruler.

Silver

I take pride in my work by laying out my questions and using ALL of my non negotiables.

Gold

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.