

Summer 1 - Class 3



Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely and joyful Easter break, and that you're now feeling energised and ready for the first half of the final term of the academic year. The theme in Class 3 for this half-term is 'America and the Slave Trade'. During this topic, our children will be exploring Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade and the causes and consequences of enslavement for enslaved people. The children will discover how the people of Britain benefited from the money and goods produced by the slave trade and will learn about the causes and consequences of the abolition of slavery in the 19th century, the worldwide African diaspora and the European colonisation in Africa. They will explore the lives and actions of black people in 20th century Britain and will understand how the Race Relations Act of 1965 became the first piece of British legislation to tackle racial discrimination. In Art this term, the children will explore some artwork surrounding our topic work on America, including graffiti style writing and statue of liberty sketching and drawing.

In English this half term we are reading the book "Freedom". The story follows a young boy called Nat, who is enslaved on a Jamaican plantation. When Nat is brought to England in the 1700s, he hopes to finally find freedom from bondage. Instead, Nat discovers the disappointing truth that slavery is still very much alive in England – and he witnesses the heavy role that Britain plays in operating the slave trade.

As always our guided reading sessions will focus on the children being able to decode and use new vocabulary, make inferences about the texts we are looking at, as well as be able to answer comprehension style questions about the different texts. At the end of each day, we have a class story and discuss key themes and infer meaning as a whole class.

In Maths this half term, Year 5 and 6 children will continue on the topic on the properties of shapes, position and direction and Year 5 will complete some work on negative numbers. We will also spend time on SATs style questions in preparation for our Year 6 SATs. Children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills while exploring efficient methods. All pupils must have quick and fluent recall of times tables and related division facts to 12x12. We encourage pupils to access TTRS stars, at least 3 times a week, to practice their multiplication and division skills.

Class 3 will continue to have their PE sessions on **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY** afternoons. PE sessions will go ahead outdoors as much possible, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for any windy or cold weather conditions. In the case of heavy rain, PE sessions will take place indoors.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES INTO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KIT ON THEIR DESIGNATED DAYS.

Ways to help with learning at home this term

Weekly Spellings—will be sent home for the Year 5 and 6 children, to be tested on a **FRIDAY**. Please take a look at these each week and help your child to spell the words independently.

Reading—Please ensure that your child's reading book and diary comes to school every day. Please remember to write in your child's diary every time you read with them. We very much value your support in listening to your child read and ask you try and listen your child to read to you as much as possible. Sharing books together is a fantastic way to nurture positive reading habits, as well as helps them to build on their vocabulary, inference and comprehension skills.

Homework — Homework will always be uploaded to Seesaw and we kindly ask you use this to access the weekly homework and spellings online. Homework will always be uploaded on Fridays and is due the following Friday, ensuring the children have enough time to complete the tasks at hand. If you encounter any issues with Seesaw or accessing the homework or spellings, please feel free to send me an email or grab before or after school and I will try to rectify any issues as soon as possible.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kalsi & the Class 3 Team