

Year 3 News

January 2022



Happy New Year!



We hope you are feeling well-rested and are excited for what 2022 has to offer.

What do you need to survive?

This half term we will be focusing on the geography of the Arctic and Antarctic. We will investigate the harsh environments, looking at how animals and people of the polar regions have adapted to survive as well as exploring different cultures and traditions.



We will also look at Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action, focusing on the challenges these areas are facing in the future.



Spellings

The Read Write Inc. spellings for this half term can be accessed via Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home.



Music

This half term Y3DT will have the opportunity to learn the ukulele with a specialist music teacher. We look forward to showing off our skills at the Spring Showcase - more details to follow at a later date.



English

In English we will concentrate on diary writing based around the adventures of Tom in 'The Great Explorer' by Chris Judge. The children will be showing off their descriptive skills, using expanded noun phrases, informal vocabulary and figurative language to describe Tom's adventure.



We will then go on to write non-chronological reports about Arctic and Antarctic animals as well as retelling Inuit folk tales.

Science

For this half term's science, we will be exploring animals and humans. The children will learn about nutrition, different types of skeletons, organs and muscles.



We will also be conducting different experiments and making different comparisons with animals and humans.



Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home, whether this is a book, magazine or comic. Also try and access Oxford Owl online using their login and their current reading band.



Spanish

This term Y3BG will be introduced to Spanish and will learn how to understand and use greetings, classroom instructions, numbers and colours.

Maths

We will begin the year by continuing to explore multiplication and division, focusing on different methods. Later on in the term, we will go on to look at measures.



We hope you have all had chance to get rocking on Times Table Rock Stars. We would love you to encourage your children to keep practicing their times table skills.



PE

Year 3 PE days are as follows:

3BG: Tuesdays & Fridays

3D: Tuesdays & Fridays



Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days

(white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt. Due to the current situation, most of our PE lessons will be outdoors so warm clothing is essential.

Art

As part of our theme 'What do we need to survive?', we will have an in depth study of the Northern



Lights and will complete our own detailed compositions. We will be inspired by the work of local Inuit artists and the phenomena of the Northern Lights. We will also be using photography as our medium to inspire our compositions.