



Year 3 Class Newsletter

Spring term 2: 2022-2023

Welcome to our class newsletter! Please find below an overview of what we will be learning this half term. If you wish to speak to a member of the Year 3 Team, please speak to Mrs Jeffries or Miss Bolton.

English

In English, the children will be learning to: use a range of sentence types, use specific and technical verbs, use a variety of past tense verb forms, use future tense, use imperative verbs, use prepositional phrases and understand the features of a persuasive text. They will use these skills to write a persuasive leaflet.

The children will be learning these skills whilst reading *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward which is a modern poetic fable about how anything is possible if you have inspiration and dreams.

Reading – The children will be using their VIPERS skills to answer questions about fiction and non-fiction texts to support and develop their comprehension.

Geography: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Children will be learning all about urban and rural landscapes and different uses of land. They will:

- Use sketch maps to explore how land is used.
- Use keys on maps to identify key features.
- Carry out a field study to identify buildings and landmarks.
- Draw a sketch map to show buildings in our local area.
- Describe land use in urban and rural areas in the UK.
- Explain how land is used for different types of farming.

Reminder

PE Kits – The children do PE on Monday and Wednesday each week. They need their indoor and outdoor kits for both sessions.

Reading – Please listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes a week. For ease this can be broken up into three 5 minute sessions per week. This needs to be recorded on our online Boom Reader app.

Homework-children can choose from a variety of tasks on the homework menu.

Mathematics

At Beal Vale we use the Maths Mastery approach. Teaching for mastery is based on a belief that all children can achieve in maths. Concepts are built in small, logical steps and are explored through clear mathematical models and images.

In maths this half-term we will be learning about:

- Measure in metres and centimetres
- Measure in millimetres
- Measure length
- Find equivalent lengths in m, cm and mm
- Compare lengths
- Add and subtract lengths
- Measure and calculate perimeter
- Compare and order unit and non-unit fractions
- Use fractions and scales
- Find and count in tenths
- Find tenths as a decimal
- Find fractions on a number line
- Find fractions of an amount

Science: Magnets and Forces

In this unit children will be using the following key skills: making observations, asking questions, gathering data, performing tests, using equipment and analysing data, so that they can:

- Identify forces acting on an object
- Explain the force of friction
- Sort magnetic and non-magnetic materials
- Identify different types of magnets and their uses
- Explore magnetic poles
- Explore that magnets attract some materials