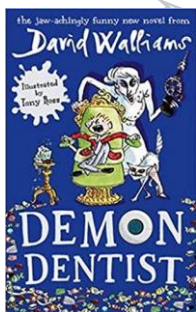


Year 3
Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 1

In English we will be writing in the style of the biography about the unashamedly wicked, Cruella de Vil! We will then move onto learning about dialogue in the context of the poem 'The Story of Bonnie and Clyde' by Bonnie Parker. This will include some research into slang of the 1920s/30s and a chance for the children to write a story titled 'The Bank Robbery' to show off their skills. Later on in the term, we will be linking our English work with real life heroes. These heroes will then star in their very own comic strip – written and illustrated by Year 3!

In P.E we are going to be practising our netball skills and participating in games, focusing on throwing with accuracy. We will also be creating sequences in gymnastics that include canon and unison. *Please make sure children have warm clothes for outside PE and shoes suitable for running.*

In R.E children will be considering 'What is Prayer?' This will include learning about the importance of 'The Lord's Prayer' to Christians.



We are continuing to read
'Demon Dentist'



**This half term
our theme is**
**'Heroes and
Villains'**

Throughout this topic we will focus heavily on **music**. This will include learning songs about the infamous villains Bonnie and Clyde and Cruella de Vil. We will be listening carefully to the beat and adding clapping rhythms to the music. We will also be composing our own music and writing standard and invented symbols to represent sound.

In design & technology, we will be thinking about choosing the appropriate tools and materials to create our designs.

This will all be linked to our learning in **computing**, researching different characters and presenting information.

In P.S.H.E we will be learning about conflict and resolution. This will include why we can fall out with our friends and how we can solve a problem in a manner that all people involved are happy with.

Home Learning

The children will be given out spellings and homework on a **Friday**. Spellings will be tested on a **Thursday**.

In maths the children will be revisiting their knowledge of place value and revising their formal methods for the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be adding and subtracting in the context of money. Later on in the term we will be delving into Miss Mindham's favourite maths topic to teach – fabulous fractions! Finally, we will be practising telling the time on analogue and digital clocks before solving problems involving calculating differences in time.

Reading Reminder

Just a reminder that all children need to have their reading book and yellow reading record in school every day.

The reading reward scheme that the children all work towards, is a check of their reading records on a Monday morning. This checks that children have read a minimum of 5 times a week at home and that **reading diaries have been signed by an adult at home.**

Library

Our library day is a Tuesday. Your child may choose to bring a library book home. Please make sure they bring it to school the following Tuesday as they can only get one book out at a time.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 14th January- Pantomime Visit

Wednesday 30th January- Books before Bed

Thursday 31st January- Family Lunch for Wren

Friday 1st February- Number Day

Tuesday 5th February- Internet Safety Day

Thursday 14th February- Orienteering Competition