



Combe Martin Primary School

Class 3 Newsletter
Spring Term 2020

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. This term I am hoping to do lots of work related to our upcoming Residential to Pinkery, so that the children are really motivated and ready to learn more!

We have a full and exciting term of events and I am sure that the children will enjoy all of the things I have planned!

Topic

Our first topic for the year **“Moor to Shore.”**

Our topic work will include a variety of activities covering Geography, History and Art and Design Technology. The idea of this topic is to get the children enthused and excited about the residential to Pinkery and to make sure that they have an awareness of the area we are visiting. We will be looking at some of the History surrounding the area as well as comparing the physical features of moorland to that of the shore. Wherever possible, we will also be making links with our Science learning too.



English

During the first half term, we will be focussing on our production of ‘Porridge’ which we will be very excited to share with you. We work hard with the children to be ‘stage ready’ and it is great to watch them grow in confidence as we perform. Year 4 will have the majority of the speaking roles but some of the Year 3 children will be asked to learn some lines and your help with this is very much appreciated.

We will also be keeping up our Literacy learning in class looking at a variety of text types including poetry, narrative and non-fiction. We will also continue to work hard on our reading skills, with our daily Guided Reading sessions focussing on different reading skills each day. As always, the more reading your children do at home, the more confident they will feel in school. Share the book with your children, either by listening to them read or by sharing thoughts, questions and ideas about the book with them to help them with their comprehension skills.

As before, if you could record any reading activity at home, this really helps to understand your child’s reading journey. They will also continue to receive a ‘Love Reading’ task each week – I was very impressed with the effort and imagination the children showed in Term 1 and look forward to see what they produce this term!

Maths



The children will be working on a range of mathematics this term, the main focus of this term will be multiplication and division. We will also return to other skills learned such as addition and subtraction to ensure the skills retained by the children through regular practise. Often we practise at the start of the maths lesson or through the morning task.

We are also going to be focussing on our tables again this term, last term we consolidated 2x, 5x and 10x table and introduced 3x table and this term will be learning our 4’s as well as practising the others. We will also be using our ‘Times Tables’ challenge booklets trying to earn our stickers as we progress through the tables.

P.E.

P.E should still be on Monday's and Friday's this term, however it is recommended that the children keep their kits in school all week in case of timetable changes. The weather is still cold so it is good if the kit includes a thin wind proof coat, well fitting trainers, black shorts, black or navy tracksuit trousers, a spare white T-shirt and a clean pair of socks, sweatshirt, a black or dark coloured hat and a pair of gloves! Please make sure that your child's name is in all of their kit. A plastic bag kept inside the PE bag is always useful too, for muddy trainers to be stored in!



Show and Tell

As the curriculum is very full, I struggle to fit in 'Show and Tell' and so would ask that the children only bring in things to share if they are an achievement e.g. certificates or trophies etc or something which is linked into our topic and enhances the children's learning. If your child wants me to see something else, you could always take a picture on Class Dojo and send it to me and I will reply to them on there!

Start of the day

Now we have completed our first term together, it would be appreciated if you could try and make your child as independent as you can. This can start from the morning task where by you can quickly help and clarify and then leave them to work independently. This helps for two reasons. 1) The room is very small and gets very noisy, very quickly and 2) It helps your child to feel more confident if they have done it by themselves! Also supporting your child in remembering the things they need such as Love Reading books (bring in every day), P.E kits etc. can help them to feel successful too.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our work this term, please do come and see us, contact us via Class Dojo or through email:

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Here's to an enjoyable, fun filled and exciting Spring Term!

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