

The Otway News

Autumn Term 2024

Computing

We are still using **Purple Mash** to learn about coding and online safety especially keeping passwords safe and blogging safely.

Music

We are learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch through a song called Let Your Spirit Fly Year 3 also have a ukulele lesson every week.



Dear Parents

Welcome to Key Stage 2 and Year 3! It's a new year...a new term...a new classroom... a new teacher and a new key Stage. I have quite a lot of information for you so please read this newsletter and see what we are learning this term.

There is also a section to explain the home learning and the 'Star Reader' which is something KS2 do.

All this will also be explained at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on **Wednesday 12th September at 2.45pm.**

Our web page will also be a good place to look at each week if you miss or lose something.

Of course we also have new email

address.....**yr3@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk**

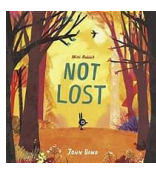
I check this by 7.30pm. Anything later can be sent to the office. If it's a message about pick up it's best to send this to the office anyway.

Our lovely TAs this term are... Mrs Franklin mostly, for one slot on Friday, Miss Holland.

My PPA is covered by Mrs Freislich on a Tuesday morning.

Literacy

We are kickstarting our term with a whole school project with a book called 'Out of the Blue'



As well as 'Mini Rabbit, not Lost'

DT/Art

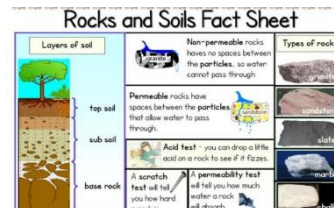
In D and T we are learning about food and how it is 'made' eg grown/harvested/caught/reared /produced.

We will use a range of utensils safely to make a healthy snack.

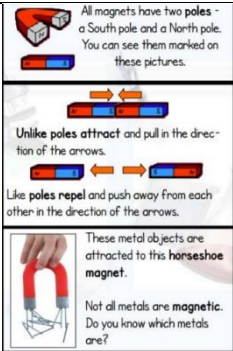

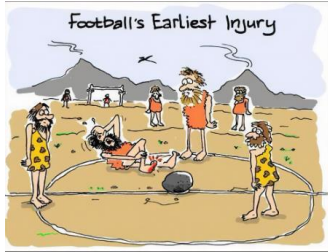

In Art we are looking at drawing and how to draw 3D shapes as well as learning how to show light in drawings.

Science

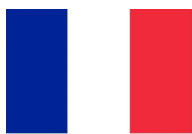
In Science, we are learning about different types of rock and investigating their properties.



As well as forces and magnetism.

<p>We are also looking at fables including 'The Squirrels who squabbled' as well as a poem called 'The Magic Box'.</p>		 <p>All magnets have two poles - a South pole and a North pole. You can see them marked on these pictures.</p> <p>Unlike poles attract and pull in the direction of the arrows.</p> <p>Like poles repel and push away from each other in the direction of the arrows.</p> <p>These metal objects are attracted to this horseshoe magnet.</p> <p>Not all metals are magnetic. Do you know which metals are?</p>
<p><u>History</u> Our very first topic is all about the Stoneage. It's a fascinating topic. Expect to hear the words....palaeolithic, mesolithic and neolithic tripping off your child's tongue on a regular basis!</p>  <p>We have a trip booked to Celtic Harmony which shows how people used to live in 'the very old days!' This is Tuesday 31st October</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> Lots of Maths.... We follow a Herts Scheme which, for this term, includes place value, counting on in 1s,10s and 100s, comparing and ordering numbers, mental addition and subtraction, angles and 2D shape including perimeter. Phew!</p> <p>We also have a fluency session each day which is designed to help things 'stick'</p>	<p>Joke of the term..... (Based on the stoneage)</p>  <p>What does a rock eat?</p> <p>Poma-granites!!</p>
<p><u>Geography</u> Using maps to locate some of the world's countries especially those in Europe. We will learn about longitude, latitude and the prime meridian.</p>	<p><u>PSHE/RE</u> Our two topics are Being me in my world and Celebrating differences.</p> <p>In RE we are learning about Festivals and Traditions, symbols and Advent and Christmas.</p>	<p><u>PE</u> This term is all about football, basketball and gymnastics.</p>  <p>PE times are Tuesday and Thursday. PE kit is ESSENTIAL.</p>

French



Bonjour! In Year 3 we start to learn French. We follow a scheme called Language Angels.

We will find France and Paris on a map

We are starting with 10 common colours and learning to count from 1-10.



Reading

We will follow the reading records from year 2 but I always like to spend the first week hearing the children read to check they are on the right level, please bear with us while we do this.

PLEASE can you record their reading in their record books. It doesn't have to be a school book but if you don't record it, it looks to us as if your child isn't reading anything. We are continually monitoring our records.

We do whole class guided reading 4 times a week which really helps to introduce year 3 books to the class, year 3 vocabulary as well as retrieving information from texts. These are extracts from books and are quite challenging. PLEASE hear your children read as much as possible so they can access these extracts.

Reminders

- Please label EVERYTHING! We nearly always have a spare t-shirt or pair of shorts that we can't find an owner of after each PE lesson.
- PE is on Tuesday and Thursday for the first half term. Please make sure your child has the correct kit, especially footwear for outside, we go out even if the weather is dodgy!
- Wellies are needed when the weather gets very wet, especially for going in the sandpit.
- Keep checking the class webpage, you will find most information on here. Look at the extra information about home learning.
- Keep reading regularly; look at the extra information about star reader.
- **ASSEMBLY DATE FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER at 9.05am**

Home learning looks like this.....

Reading

- In KS2 it is expected that your child reads at least 4 times a week. Reading records will be checked during the week and those that are reading regularly go into a draw for 'Star Reader' on a **Friday** and their name goes onto the star reader board. They may also get picked if they read well in guided reading. Please make sure you record their reading in the orange reading record!

Spellings

- These will be set on a **Monday** and tested on the following **Friday**. I have given about 10 for each week but if that is too much, do as much as you feel able to.

They are based on our spelling scheme and are a mix of year 2 words (revising) as well as learning some of the year 3 and 4 common exception words. There are also some year 3 and 4 common exception words. The list will be stuck into your child's reading record, so please make sure it is in school every day.

I will also put the whole half term's spellings on the class website page.