Class 3 Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope that you've all had a wonderful Christmas and that you've had chance to relax and enjoy the holiday season. It has been lots of fun hearing all about the exciting things that the children have been doing over the break.

Our topic for this term is:

There's no place like home!

As part of this Geography and Environmental Science based topic, we will be finding out all about the major biomes of the world and the impact of climate and environmental change on the living things within them as we try to answer questions like:

What are biomes and are they all the same?

What do the terms global warming and climate change mean?

What affect does climate change have on biomes and the living things within them?

What can I do to reduce climate change and its damaging effect on biomes?

We have launched our topic with a Virtual Reality experience, providing all our pupils with the opportunity to 'visit' the Arctic and a rainforest from the comfort and safety of the classroom.

Building on this shared experience, we plan to identify and learn about the biome we live in here in the UK and contrast it with areas affected by significant climate and environmental change.

In investigating these biomes, we will focus on the Arctic, looking at the plight of the Polar Bear and pressures on the Sami people and the rainforests of Borneo and the decline of the orang-utan.

Work in English this term will compliment topic work and additionally be inspired by our class novel, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'.

We can't wait to begin!

What do you need to bring each day?

As stationery and classroom equipment are provided, children do not need to bring pencil cases into school. They will however, need to bring their planners and water bottles in each day and ensure that they bring coats, gloves and hats etc. to suit the weather. Additional layers may also be worn beneath school uniform.

PE kits will need to remain in school across the week and should include clothing suitable for outdoor as well as indoor PE. Swimming kits will be required on Wednesdays

Should children need medication during the school day, it should be taken to the school office where a form is to be completed and parental consent given.

Expectations for Behaviour

All staff follow school's behaviour policy. Praise and rewards including dojo points, certificates, awards and golden time are earned for effort, achievement and for displaying good behaviour. When children do not follow the school rules, they move through a progressive series of sanctions often referred to as the 'Step System'. You can access the policy in full on school's website at Rufforth Behaviour Policy or access a summary on page 3 of the planners.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Thursday morning. Details will be recorded in your child's planner weekly. It will usually consist of daily reading for ten minutes aloud to an adult, online Maths / English activities and weekly spellings, which will be tested on Fridays. Completed homework, including reading, should be recorded and initialled on the left hand side of the planner each week and should be signed at the bottom of the right hand every Friday.

Reading

Reading remains a real passion in Class 3 and we're sure that this year will be no exception. Knowing the huge difference that being a skilled reader can make to success in every aspect of the curriculum, we will continue to foster the same enthusiasm for learning and trust that you will continue to take the opportunity to read daily with your child if you don't already do so. School scheme reading books are changed every Friday. Books from the Class Library and online reading via Active Learn can be accessed as and when they are required at any point during the week. Dojos are awarded for each daily read.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Contact can be made in the first instance via your child's planner or alternatively by email to ekite@rufforth.pmat.academy or by phone to the school office.

With kind regards,

The Class 3 Team

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