



Class Newsletter



Class 3



Welcome back

Welcome back to school and the ELR! The boys in Class 3 have been getting to know one another through group activities and partner work and have settled really well into a steady classroom routine. Everyone has been working very hard and I am thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead in Class 3.

What have Class 3 been up to?

Since returning to school, we have been completing a range of activities from across the Curriculum.

In the afternoons, we have been developing talking and listening, turn taking skills and positive social interactions through games and activities.

Pupils have particularly been enjoying completing coding during ICT sessions. The current favourite game to play is 'Dance Party', which uses coding to create cartoon dance routines.

'Art for Kids Hub' has also been a firm favourite. The class draw pictures by following step by step instructions. This is helping to improve concentration, perseverance and patience along with developing line drawing skills.

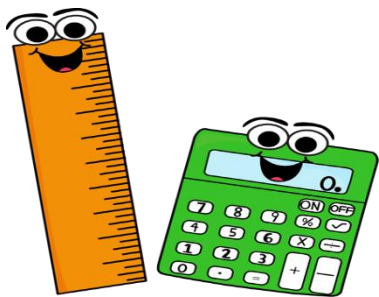
In PE, the boys have been enjoying team games and using the scooters to improve coordination, balance and fitness.



Class 3 Class Charter

Every year, all the pupils across the school in every classroom create a Class Charter. The children work together to create a set of agreed rules to adhere to within the classroom and around the school. Class 3 have set some rules based around respect for others and everyone is doing a great job of sticking to the agreed rules.

Maths



In Maths, we have been revising known concepts and completing lots of games and activities to improve the speed and accuracy of our mental arithmetic skills. Everyone has also been making fantastic progress with daily completion of written maths skills in workbooks and jotters. Some groups have been developing understanding of place value while others are working to develop skills in subtraction.

We have recently started using a programme called 'Minute a Day Maths' which works on the quick, oral recall of number facts. Each pupil is given a minute to recall 30 maths facts on a page. The next day we see if the previous score can be beaten and once a page is complete pupils move onto the next maths concept.

Literacy

In Literacy, we have been revising spelling patterns, developing reading comprehension and learning new skills to improve writing. We have been looking at word types and have looked in more depth at nouns and adjectives. We have been using adjectives to make sentences more interesting.

Some pupils have been completing the Five Minute Box, this is a fantastic resource aimed at ensuring confidence in phonics, common words as well as days of the week and months of the year.



Other Curricular Areas



In Social Studies, after a collaborative class discussion, we agreed that our first topic would be Monsters. The boys had some fantastic suggestions for this and some of these ideas will be used throughout the school year.

In Science, we have been looking at forces and have completed a range of investigations around magnetism. We will be moving onto investigating gravity after the pupils worked collaboratively to make some fantastic marble runs during free play using Knex and ball bearings.

Health and Wellbeing

In Health and Wellbeing, we have been focussing on emotions and social interactions as well as how to stay safe online.

We have been using stories such as 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Huge Bag of Worries' to explore different themes and emotions. This is helping to develop emotional literacy.

Each week at Assembly, Mrs Kynigos awards one pupil in each class a Head Teacher Award. This is given to a pupil who has been successfully adhering to the school's Visions, Values and Aims. So keep your eyes peeled for certificates in school bags!

