

### Reminders

**PE:** Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school. P.E. lessons are on a Wednesday.

**Please can you ensure that their PE kit, clothing, shoes and all items brought into school are clearly labelled.**

### Dates for the half term

**Spring term (1st half):** 4th January - 9th February

**Spelling Bee: End of January (Date to be confirmed)**

**Half term:** Monday 12th -Friday 16th February

*We are hoping to arrange a visit to Leyton Gurdwara as part of our R.E. topic on Sikhism. Letter with details to follow.*

# Buxton School



Year 3



## parent Newsletter

**Welcome to the new year. We hope you had a peaceful and restful holiday. This half term Year 3's topic is Bright Sparks. Our area of study is mainly Science with some History and Design Technology work around the subject of 'electricity'. We are hoping to book a couple of trips this term to support work and once again will be asking for parent helpers. We will send out letters with details nearer the time.**

The year team are:

**Miss Monahan:** Assistant Headteacher, Head of Phase

**Miss Ashe:** Class teacher for 3CA and year group leader.

**Mr. Sofronie:** Class teacher for 3WS.

**Mr. Michalowsky:** Class teacher for 3PM.

**Mr. Manuell:** Class teacher for 3SC.

**Ms R. Lindsay-Addy:** Teaching Assistant

**Ms Rumi:** Teaching Assistant

**Ms. Nancy:** Teaching Assistant

**Ms. Joseph:** Teaching Assistant

## Curriculum

Over the first half of this term, we will be covering the following:

**Literacy** - Narrative: Traditional Tales (alternative versions)

- Poetry: Kennings.

- Spellings: suffixes (ness ful less ly) prefixes (sub tele) , apostrophes, 'sh' sound represented in different ways.

**Maths** - Place value, addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers, Geometry: 2D and 3D shapes. Multiplication and division of 4x and 8x tables. Fractions: links to division, unit and non-unit fractions.

Measurement: length in m, cm and mm.

**Science** - electricity: making and improving a circuit, studying materials that allow electricity to flow through them, magnetism and electricity, heat from electricity and keeping safe around electricity.

Scientific investigations and fair testing.

**Design Technology** - Making electrical circuits with lights and buzzers.

**History** - the history of the electric light bulb.

**R.E.** - Sikhism (Guru Nanak)

## Clubs

A variety of sports, music, drama and language activities are available to year 3.

Keep a look out for letters offering places to year 3 for various clubs.

Timetable to follow.

## Some useful websites:

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/physical\\_processes/circuits\\_conductors/play.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/physical_processes/circuits_conductors/play.shtml)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6\\_7/electricity.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/electricity.shtml)

[www.andythelwell.com/blobz/guide.html](http://www.andythelwell.com/blobz/guide.html)

[www.switchedonkids.org.uk/house.html](http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/house.html)

[http://inventors.about.com/od/timelines/a/electricity\\_timeline.htm](http://inventors.about.com/od/timelines/a/electricity_timeline.htm)

[http://kids.saveonenergy.ca/en/what-is-electricity/history\\_nikola\\_tesla.html](http://kids.saveonenergy.ca/en/what-is-electricity/history_nikola_tesla.html)

<http://powerup.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/faqs.aspx>

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## Homework

**Maths and Literacy homework** is given out every **Wednesday** and is to be returned the following **Wednesday** to class teachers.

Your child is also expected to read daily and must be recorded in a reading record. Reading records are collected in on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. **Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded regularly.**