

Reminders

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

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): 5th January - 10th February

Pantomime: Wednesday 11th January

(2.00pm - 5.30pm)

Half term: Monday 13th -Friday 17th February

Please look out for letters regarding school visits as we are planning two trips this term. Details will be given as soon as bookings are confirmed.

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 will be booking 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 Ashe: Class teacher for 3GA and year group leader.

Mr. Sofronie: Class teacher for 3WS.

Mr. Sugg Class teacher for 3PS.

Miss Ahmed Class teacher for 3CA.

Miss Wheatley: Teaching Assistant.

Mr. Kofi: Teaching Assistant.

Mr. Harris: Teaching Assistant.

Ms Bennett: PPA cover and specialist P.E. teacher.

Ms Fowler: PPA Cover and specialist P.E. teacher.

Mr. Bury: PPA Cover and specialist ICT teacher.

Mr. Watson: PPA Cover and specialist Music teacher.

Curriculum

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

Literacy - Narrative: Traditional Tales (alternative versions).

- Poetry: Haiku, Tanka and Kennings.

Maths - Number and place value: 3-digit numbers. Addition and subtraction: money. Properties of 2D shapes. Multiplication and division: 4x and 8x tables. Fractions: comparing and ordering on number lines. Measurement: length in mm, cm, comparing, adding and subtracting.

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)

Art & DT— Ancient Egyptian musical instruments

PSHE— Good to be me

RE—Sikhism

PE— Gymnastics, Games and Dance

History— Ancient Egyptians

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

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/electricity.shtml

www.andythelwell.com/blobz/guide.html

www.switchedonkids.org.uk/house.html

http://inventors.about.com/od/timelines/a/electricity_timeline.htm

http://kids.saveonenergy.ca/en/what-is-electricity/history_nikola_tesla.html

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

www.bugclub.co.uk

Homework

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

Your child is also expected to read daily and this 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.** In the centre of the reading record are letter strings and phonemes that your child is expected to know, please read and practise these when you listen to your child read.

Times tables must be practised regularly at home, along with related division facts. By the end of Year 3 all children are expected to know the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 8x and 10x tables.