

Foundation Subjects

Geography - Having looked closely at the UK and named and located its cities and looked at counties around West Yorkshire. We will continue our work on the UK and will move on to human and physical features of the UK and its surrounding seas. We will continue to build our skills of using an atlas.

History - So far this term, we have enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons and the impact they had on Britain. We have looked closely at how the Anglo Saxons came to Britain and how they built villages and homes. We also looked at Anglo Saxon warriors and materials used for shields, looking closely at designs of shields. We will continue to look at aspects of Anglo-Saxon life, including clothes, religious beliefs (gods and goddesses) and Anglo-Saxon runes.

Computing - We have thought carefully about how to stay safe online and created posters discussing why this is important. We have also used iPads to research information needed in CCL. We will continue to build our skills of researching and retrieving information safely.

PSHE -So far, we have focussed on keeping safe and the importance of this both in and out of school, thinking about different ways we can look after ourselves in different situations. We have also had our road safety day, where we thought carefully about how to stay safe. We will continue to discuss how to stay safe and healthy and why being healthy is important including sleep.

RE - We have started thinking about creation stories across different religions and looked closely at their different beliefs. We will also move on to explore how new life is celebrated in different ways.

DT - For the first half term, we have linked our DT work to our learning about the Anglo Saxons. This has included constructing Anglo-Saxon style houses, cooking vegetable and barley stew and evaluating our work. We will move on to making our shields and also making a snake design traditional belt buckle.

French- In Year 3, we have started our French by learning all about France and the features of the country itself. The children have learnt how to introduce themselves and ask someone their name and how they are feeling. Later in the term we will look at numbers and how to say how old they are.

As always, you can help your child by talking to them about what they have learnt.

English

This term, we have looked closely at grammar and how to enhance descriptive writing. Using these skills, we described Billy's journey into the forest in the story 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. We have also looked closely at a poem about the river and thought about how this makes us feel- this has also linked in with our work in dance. We then moved on to writing our own poems about the river. Many of us then performed these in front of our peers. We are currently looking at fairy tales and creating our own versions of a traditional tale, looking closely at common features of traditional tales. As we move into the second half term we will investigate the features of an informal letter, leading to us creating our own. During the Christmas period we will be looking at the book 'Letters from father Christmas' by J.R.R. Tolkien and considering different points of view.

Y2 have worked on their phonics and become familiar with our new bug club phonics scheme and have practised skills through games. Each week we have worked on a set of spellings and will continue with a new set each week and building our recognition of Y2/3 common exception words. Y3 have worked on handwriting and looked carefully at spelling and grammar. We have sent new logins for spelling shed which allows children to practice through games. You can access from home. We ask that you please read with your child as much as possible to support learning at home.

*We are reading... **The BFG***

Counties, Countries, Cities and Settlements



Year 2 and 3

Science

We have learnt about the difference between living and non-living things and classified animals based on different features. We have looked at the importance of staying healthy and eating a variety of foods and incorporated our senses and how they work. We will move on to look closely at the human body including bones and muscles.

Please explore the local area with your child when out and about to support our learning in school.

Maths

In Maths, we have focussed a lot on our understanding of place value and revised our number bonds and the value of the digits within different numbers. We have now moved on to addition and subtraction and are looking closely at different methods we can use to help solve calculations. We have recently explored the column method and how it relates to our place value chart to help add bigger numbers more quickly and efficiently. The children will continue to investigate numbers in a range of ways; reading and writing, comparing and ordering them and solving problems and puzzles. We will move onto a focus on the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division where the children will learn and practice different methods. The children will apply their skills by solving problems.

You can help your child by counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and by helping them to learn and practice their times tables.

Here is a link to a great game to help with number bonds and times tables. - [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year](#)

The Notice Board

PE- This will be on a Friday afternoon. We have focused on passing and receiving, using balls from a range of sports. We will continue to develop our passing and moving skills across a variety of sports. Boxercise club is currently running on a Tuesday after school from 3.15-4.15

Dance will also remain on Tuesday mornings- children don't need a kit for Dance but please make sure earrings are taken out and if your child has a verruca/wart please let us know. Dance club is currently on Thursday after school from 3.15-4.15.

Forest school will be on Wednesday mornings. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear (wellies) and warm, waterproof clothing.

Please always send your child with a water bottle

Homework club will run on Wednesdays after school from 3.15-4.15

Miss Mitchell will be in class Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday AM
Mrs Moon will be in class Wednesday/Thursday and Friday.
Mrs Baxter will be in class every morning and Mrs Lodge every afternoon. If you have any questions please send them to our class email address which is class2@scapegoathill.co.uk where a member of the team will get back to you asap.