

Holly Newsletter Spring Two

Welcome back!

I hope you've all had a relaxing break.

As I am sure you're already aware, we have been extremely busy in Holly and Hazel classes! During our last curriculum topic on China, we have uncovered and learnt lots of interesting things about The Great Wall and The Yangtze River. We also researched the Shang Dynasty and learnt about Chinese New Year. We even made our own clay dragons! This term, we will be moving on to exploring our local area and will even be researching the life of Colonel Akroyd, who lived in Boothtown. Please find attached all the information below which will outline what we will be learning about in class.

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, pupils are going to be focusing on studying the text 'Leather Shoe Charlie,' written by Gyeong-Hwa Kim. Children will be looking at the structure of the story and will then write their own narrative from a different viewpoint.

We will also be writing a persuasive advert for Halifax encouraging tourists to visit.

Remember, you can help your child with their learning by discussing what they have studied during the day's lesson. Encourage them to read every night, listening to them whenever possible. Remind your child to learn their weekly spelling lists at home.

Key vocabulary:

Persuasive Advert - an informative piece of writing based on a given subject that uses persuasive vocabulary to persuade the reader.

persuade	questions	setting
character	beginning	problem
resolution	ending	author

Mathematics

As you are now aware, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands of Maths throughout the rest of this year:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, all pupils in Year 3 will be learning to measure, compare, add and subtract lengths. We will also be calculating perimeters, comparing and ordering fractions.

You can help your child with their maths by practising times tables as we will be continuing with TTRockstars.

Key vocabulary:

multiply times cm mm m

SCIENCE

This half term Year 3 will be learning about which materials are magnetic, testing the strength of magnets and finding out about magnetic poles.

Key Vocabulary

north	south
non metal	poles
magnetic	metal





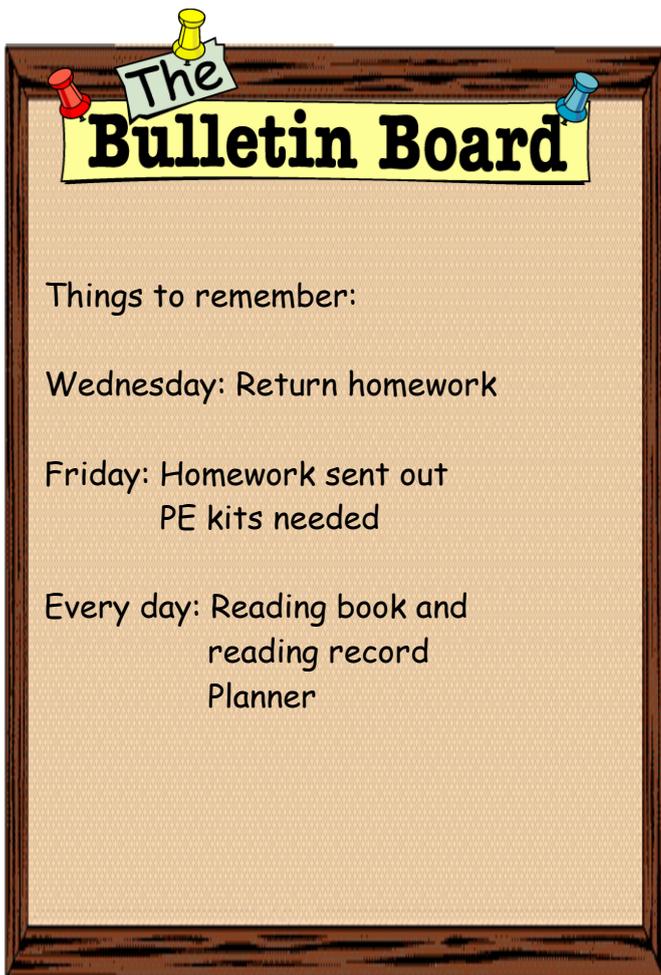
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We are learning new skills in dance and further developing our ball skills and coordination.

RE- This half term we are focusing on 'What do Christians believe about a good life?'

PSHE - 'Resolving conflict' is our area of learning over the next few weeks.

Computing - During our ICT lessons we will be learning how to complete Lego algorithms (use code to tell a computer what to do).



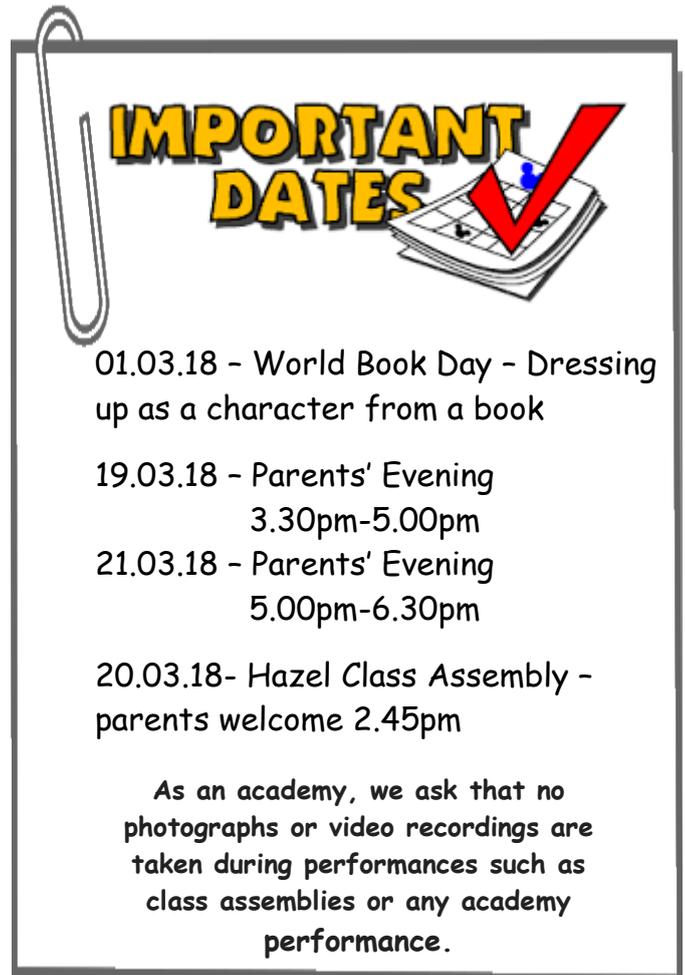
The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Wednesday: Return homework

Friday: Homework sent out
PE kits needed

Every day: Reading book and
reading record
Planner



IMPORTANT DATES

01.03.18 - World Book Day - Dressing up as a character from a book

19.03.18 - Parents' Evening
3.30pm-5.00pm

21.03.18 - Parents' Evening
5.00pm-6.30pm

20.03.18- Hazel Class Assembly -
parents welcome 2.45pm

As an academy, we ask that no photographs or video recordings are taken during performances such as class assemblies or any academy performance.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Topic link:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/children_in_factories/



It's time to find out

All about our local area

Who was Colonel Akroyd?

We will find out who this man was, whereabouts in Boothtown he lived and what he did for the people in our area.



What was it like to work in a mill in Halifax during the 19th century?

We will research what jobs mill workers did, what working conditions were like in factories and what life was like for children.



What are the most interesting places to visit?

We will find out about the places people have visited in our local area such as the historical Piece Hall and Eureka, the museum for children. We will write an advert persuading tourists to visit all the fun places in Halifax and Boothtown.

Using maps, let's explore the human and physical features in our local area.

We will be exploring where Halifax is in the UK by using online and paper maps and planning routes from school to different destinations using compass points. As part of our learning, we will consider the human and physical geography of the local area. We will carry out fieldwork by exploring and photographing places of interest and then, back in school, we will use these photographs to create our own maps of the local area. In addition to this, we will conduct a survey to see how people in the area travel to work and we will use these results to create bar charts and interpret these to answer questions. We will also imagine that we are town planners and write about what changes we would make to create our ideal town.

What type of landscape art can we create?

During our art week, we will look at the landscape pictures by the artists D S Lowry and David Hockney. We will compare and contrast the styles that each artist adopts before creating our own artwork in a similar style. In addition to this, we will create a landscape picture of the local area using David Hockney's photo collage technique.