

Y3 Newsletter - Autumn 2



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Y3

A big 'hello and welcome' back from the Y3 team! We have another fantastic and action packed term ahead. This half term our topic is 'Our Great Exhibition' and we will be learning about life in Victorian times.

To kick start the project, we invited a specialist into school in Week 1 to immerse the children in Victorian life. The use of costume and role-play helped to bring the past alive and has created lasting memories for the children. The cost of the visitor was £250 which the school paid for on this occasion.

Over the half term we will also visit the Botanical Gardens (on Wednesday 21 November) to appreciate the Victorian conservatory. Over the half term the children will make Christmas decorations for the Y3 tree which will be on display at Millhouses Church and sing Christmas Carols alongside other Sheffield schools at Sheffield University, Firth Hall on Friday 7 December. To finish this fantastic project, the children will also attend the Christmas Tree Festival at Millhouses Church on the afternoon of Wednesday 12 December and perform their Christmas Carols for parents/carers in school on the afternoon of Thursday 13 December at 2.45pm.

For more details about what will be taught this half term, please see the project plan over the page.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please see Miss Hudson or Miss Thurtle. For short enquiries, class teachers can be found in the playground at both the start and end of the day. Longer meetings can be organised in advance, by making an after school appointment.

Kind regards

Miss Hudson (Y3NH) and Miss Thurtle (Y3AT), with teaching assistants Miss Melvin (Y3NH) and Mrs Stephenson (Y3AT).

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	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Literacy	Narrative –Christmas Carol Children will get to know the story and become immersed within the well-known Victorian tale.	Narrative –Christmas Carol Children will explore the setting of the story and develop their skills writing a setting description.	Narrative –Christmas Carol Children will explore the character of Ebenezer Scrooge and how he changes over the development of the story.	Narrative –Christmas Carol Children will explore how to edit their work with particular focus on their vocabulary and the impact of their word choices.	Play scripts – Gruffalo Children will explore and discuss the structure, layout and use of dialogue in play scripts	Play scripts – Gruffalo Children will further develop their knowledge and understanding of the structure, layout and use of dialogue in play scripts	Christmas – poetry Children will explore and develop their poetry understanding and writing skills by comparing well-known poems and using them as models to write their own work.
Numeracy	Number – Subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three-digit number and hundreds. Subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar subtraction.	Number – Subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three-digit number and hundreds. Subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar subtraction.	Number – Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.	Number – Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.	Number – Write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication using the multiplication tables they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.	Number – Write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.	Number – Write and calculate mathematical statements for division using the multiplication tables they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.
Project Work	PSHE - Children will think about: The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect (which forms parts of the 'British Values' curriculum). They will discuss and explore the importance of Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.	History – Children will be Introduced to the Victorian Topic by exploring timelines, finding out about who Queen Victoria was – making links with Sheffield and Local History.	History – Children will explore what a Victorian Christmas would have been like and the toys children would have played with. Children will make a Victorian style Christmas Tree Decoration	History/DT – Children will plan, draw, design, construct and evaluate the making of a Victorian Toy. Music – Children will practice for their Christmas performances.	RE – Children will learn about Christianity beliefs and practices Music – Children will practice for their Christmas performances.	RE – Children will become more familiar and learn about the Nativity story Music – Children will practice for their Christmas performances.	DT – Children will make a Christmas Card and a calendar 2019
Key Dates	Victorian Classroom visitor Wednesday 7.11.18		Botanical Gardens trip Wednesday 21.11.2018 Small group to decorate Y3 Christmas Tree for Millhouses Christmas Tree Festival		Children will take part in the Christmas Performance Friday 7.12.18	Christmas Tree Festival at Millhouses Church on the afternoon of Wednesday 12.12.18 Christmas performance for Parents Thursday 2.45pm 13.12.18	