



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



April / May 2018

Welcome back to a new half term at Ash Green!

LITERACY

In Literacy this half term, the Year three children are going to be concentrating on authors and letters. The author that the children will be investigating is Anthony Browne. The children will be looking at the similarities and differences between his stories, such as story settings, and will also discuss any running themes that the children may spot after reading several of his stories.

The children will be researching the life of Anthony Browne and his influences, and then going on to write a book review based on their favourite story. The children will then look at the conventions of letter writing and discuss the differences between formal and informal letters. Once the children are confident with writing a letter, they are going to be writing a letter to Anthony Browne and hopefully the children will then get a response from him.



Key words:

author Anthony Browne similarities differences
theme settings characters formal informal

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, pupils in Year 3 will work on Fractions and Time. In class we will be working hard to compare fractions and tell the time to the nearest minute.

You could help out at home by asking your children to:

- Cut food up into thirds, quarters and fifths.
- Look out for analogue and digital clocks in the home.
- Ask your child to tell you what time it is at different points in the day or evening!

YORKSHIRE

The Year three children will be learning about our White Rose county of Yorkshire this half term. The Geography elements of this topic will involve locating Yorkshire on a map and identifying towns and cities in Yorkshire. The children will then go on to consider the key features of the Yorkshire Dales, and the children's knowledge of this will be hugely enhanced by their overnight stay in Malham, North Yorkshire. The children can expect to see beautiful countryside, interesting lime stone scenery, such as Malham Cove, a curved lime stone cliff and many more features of the Yorkshire Dales. The Upper Site children will be having their overnight stay on Tuesday 8th May and the Lower Site on Wednesday 9th May. We have a parents meeting organised at 3pm on Monday 23rd April at the upper site and Tuesday 24th April at the lower site. Please come along to find out more information and collect a kit list!

SCIENCE



This half term Year 3 will be studying rocks and soils.

The children will learn that rocks are used for a variety of purposes. They will be testing different rocks for their properties and observing and comparing different characteristics of rocks. Children will then go on to think about why these characteristics result in different rocks being chosen for different purposes.

Key vocabulary:

rocks	soil	pebble	characteristic
marble	granite	slate	sand
clay	purpose	texture	absorbent



Other curriculum areas...

PE -Swimming PSHCE - Health Promoting Environments
RE - What a wonderful world Music - Pentatonic Scales ICT - Internet basics



*There are many choices of clubs at both sites. Your child can take part in a club at the opposite site. If your child would like to swap clubs or start attending a club, **please complete the form below and return it to school.***

I give permission for my child Class

to attend club on Wednesdays, 3:15 to 4:00.



Upper Site

Miss Thompson – ICT Club (lunchtime)
Mr Heppenstall – Football Club
Mr Wardman – ICT Club
Miss Taylor – Maths 24 Club (lunchtime)
Mrs Mann – Homework Club
(On Mondays 3.15-4pm)

Lower Site

Mrs Cotton – Lego Club
Miss Bedford – ICT Club
Mr Sheppard – Sports Club
Mrs Main – Reading club by invitation only

HALF TERMLY WRITING TARGET

Each half term your child will receive a new Literacy target in order to help them to improve their writing level. They will focus on this target for the half term and hopefully will feel confident that they have achieved it through lots of practice and reinforcement over the 6 weeks.

Your child's target for this half term is:

We would be grateful if you could give your child extra support at home in helping them to achieve their target. Thank you!

HALF TERMLY MATHS TARGET

Each half term your child will now also receive a new Maths target in order to help them to improve their level in this subject. As with Literacy, children will focus on this target for the half term, particularly in their Maths set and hopefully will feel confident that they have achieved it through lots of practice and reinforcement over the 6 weeks.

Your child's target for this half term is:

We would be grateful if you could give your child extra support at home in helping them to achieve their target. Thank you!