

Year 3 Newsletter
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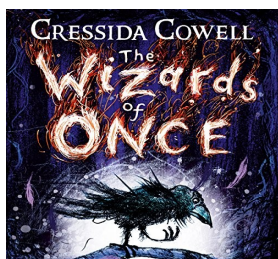
Welcome back! I hope you've all had a wonderful summer break and you're ready to get back to school. I am Mr. Burdess, the new Year 3 teacher and I am so excited to meet you all and cannot wait to begin our Year 3 learning journey together.

We'll be using Marvellous Me and Twitter to showcase all of the brilliant things we get up to, so make sure you're signed up!



Class Novel

During the first half term, our Class Novel is 'The Wizards of Once' by Cressida Cowell. This story follows the magical adventures of Wish (a warrior) and Xar (a wizard). Within class, lots of our work will be based around this novel, particularly reading and writing lessons. The Novel also links brilliantly to our topic work this term.



HUMANITIES

History and Geography will be divided between the first and second half term, with History coming first. In History, we will learn about life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age through to the Roman invasion. We will also research the different types of homes and settlements throughout this period.

In Geography, we will be exploring the countries within Europe and the key characteristics of these countries.

SCIENCE

In the first half term, our Science unit is Rocks. We will investigate different types of rocks and explore how fossils are formed.



In the second half term, our Science unit is Forces and Magnets. We will explore different forces found in everyday life and carry out investigations using magnets.



Homework



Homework will be phased in over this half term. Reading books and Book Club will be set up by week 3. If you have any school reading books at home, please return them to school. Thanks!

WHAT DOES THE TIMETABLE LOOK LIKE?

Reading, writing and maths lessons will be taught daily. This will allow the children time to gain a more in-depth understanding of the skills they are learning across both English and mathematics. On an afternoon the children will be taught PE, Science, History/Geography, PSHCE, RE, Spanish or Computing.

Art and D.T. will be taught in a block of lessons over 1-3 days.



PE lessons will commence the week beginning 6th September. Our first PE unit is Athletics and our weekly PE lesson will be every Wednesday. Please send all children into school dressed in their full outdoor PE kit every Wednesday (comfy sportswear). The children will remain in their P.E kit all day.

Please can all children wear sensible shoes to school everyday because we will be utilising our outdoor spaces wherever possible? The children will also participate in physical activities during break times and lunchtimes.

Key Stage 2 Reading Rewards

We are so excited that our Reading Rewards are returning this year! Each week that children read 4 or more times, they will earn a pound to spend on books for our Class library area.

I can't wait to see how much they earn and the books they choose!

Children still have access to their Spelling Shed and TT Rockstar accounts which should be used regularly to boost these key skills— every little helps!

Spanish

This term in Year 3, we are lucky enough to be having weekly Spanish lessons with Mr Matias each Friday. Chat at home about what we've been learning in Spanish.

A bit about me.

I am Mr. Burdess, the new Year 3 Class teacher. I am very happy to be a new addition to the Tudhoe Colliery Primary teaching staff.

Aside from teaching, I love reading; playing and listening to music; exercising; and taking my Patterdale Terrier, Alfie, for walks.

I also love a good chat, so if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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