

Corpusty Primary School

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Class 3

A Happy New Year to you all

Citizenship: We will discuss news issues and our responsibilities towards one another as well as our goals in life and what motivates us.

The children will also discuss self awareness and managing their own feelings which will continue during circle time and class meetings.

Literacy; We will be reading different myths, legends, fables and traditional tales, looking at story openings, the sequence of key incidents, planning using lists, charts and storyboards, writing alternative sequels and changing characters or settings. Time will be spent on reading poetry from other cultures and to an audience. Concentration will be on sentence structure, complex sentences and punctuation. The children will be encouraged to use a dictionary and thesaurus to check spelling and meaning of words, and find alternative words to improve their writing. Adjectives, singular and plural nouns and verbs, commas and compound words will be taught. Please could you make sure homework books are in school for Mondays test and new list.

Maths; We will build on areas covered last term, such as place value, ordering and rounding numbers and reading numbers from scales. The children will continue working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and develop written methods for these operations. They will work on money problems, estimate and check time using analogue and digital clocks, measure using Kg and grams and read scales, use the 4 point compass and work with fractions and decimals. Data handling will include collecting information to represent in bar graph form. The children will need to concentrate on learning their times tables by heart. Tables tests will be on Mondays.

Topic; Our topic will be science based this term with a focus on Healthy Humans. This will include life processes, movement, and the importance of a healthy diet. Practical investigations will look at the functions of teeth and dental care and the harmful effects of smoking. This will include a series of visits from a dental nurse. We will finish our topic with eyes and seeing. Links will be made across the curriculum.

Art; Our work will include looking at portraits and how different techniques, colour and shade can change a picture. Distortion and colour will be studied using artist's work. We will look at observational drawings using food which will be developed into a variety of different designs.

Games; We will practice football and netball skills and cross country running. Please could you ensure that your child has **suitable warm sports wear for the cold winter months**, old trousers and two or three warm tops, layers help to keep you warm. Swimming will continue every other Tuesday so please could you make sure your child has a **coat and £2 for the bus**.

RE; The children will work on two small RE topics this term, looking at Inspirational people in Islamic religion and Symbols and Religious Expression in Sikhism.

Music; The children will continue to work on their music and singing skills with Miss Lovett. This gives them a variety of singing and performance experiences and helps to improve their concentration and listening skills.

ICT; The children will continue to practice their word processing skills, using the font size effectively, cut and paste, edit text and use the spell check. They will learn how to collect and use data, creating a graph of their information.