



Year 3 NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 Term 2021

Our Theme is Robin Hood, Legend of Sherwood



Is it ever right to steal?

How can we change the size of a shadow?

Throughout the remainder of this half-term, we will be exploring legends, beginning with King Arthur then moving on to Robin Hood. Our first writing journey will focus on using paragraphs and inverted commas (speech marks) to write the climax to the Robin Hood story, The Silver Arrow. After that, we will learn how to write a play script about a robbery that takes place in Sherwood Forest! In DT, we will practise our sewing skills in order to design and make money containers, using felt. Our science learning will focus on investigating the relationship between light and shadow. We will be learning about different sources of light and how light reflects from different materials. We are going to carry out experiments, focusing on how shadows are formed and how they change size.

These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

In reading we will be learning to:

- predict what might happen next using details from the text
- draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives for their actions, and justifying opinions with evidence.

In writing we will be learning to:

- use inverted commas for speech
- begin to use paragraphs to organise our writing.

In mathematics we will be learning to:

- add and subtract numbers with two or three digits, using expanded column methods.

Back Together Again

Now that all children are back in school again, to support them with their mental health and wellbeing we will be focussing on the following areas: Safety, Friendships and Caring, Achievement and Resilience.

There will be an increased focus on our CARE code and behaviour expectations – reminding the children of how they can CARE for themselves and others and keep everyone safe. It is really important that they reconnect as a group, so there will be a focus upon friendship and relationships which will also include an introduction of some new 'Magic Minutes' from Trick Box to support with mindfulness. We will continue to develop the children's achievement and resilience through promoting positive learning attitudes and effort.

To support this learning, we will be using resources from SCARF education, Place2Be and Trick Box as well as our Personal Development Learning (PDL) curriculum as usual.

Year 3 Message Board

Please remind your child to only bring in the items that they will need during the day. For example, their lunchbox, a water bottle and a fresh fruit or vegetable snack. If they have any equipment or books to return to school, these can be put into the boxes outside the classroom to quarantine. Please also remember that book bags must fit into their trays. Our classrooms will continue to be well-ventilated, so please ensure your child has the appropriate number of layers of clothing so that they can stay comfortable.

Our **indoor PE day is Wednesday** and our **outdoor PE day is Friday**. Please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit on those days, including a warm tracksuit for outside and suitable footwear. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped for all PE sessions.

Our library day to change books will continue to be a Monday and we will also give the children a guided reading book to take home on a Friday.

Thank you for your continued support,
Year 3 Team