

Year 3/4 Newsletter

Topic

Our themes this half term are '**Traditional Tales & Choices**. In this theme, we will be discussing the feelings and emotions tied to making the right and wrong choices, as well as looking at the way this is explored throughout many different traditional tales. We will be looking at where traditions come from and why some traditions last for years and others fade away. Finally, we will be exploring alternative traditional tales and how all is not what it may seem when it comes to the Three Little Pigs!

Literacy

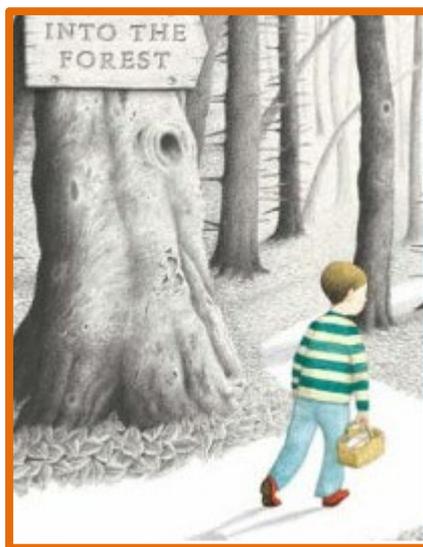
In Literacy this half term, the children will be learning how to construct a variety of different genres of writing. By using our theme as a stimulus, we will be creating descriptive stories and newspaper reports.

We will also be focusing on sentence structure and V.C.O.P, (Vocabulary, Conjunctions, Openers, Punctuation) using Big Writing sessions to help develop literacy skills. Continued reading at home will also help reinforce understanding and help the children to develop their own story ideas.

Weekly spelling will be given out on Monday's, focusing on the patterns we will be learning in class.

Christian Values

Over the half term, we will be looking at '**Peace**'. In this topic, we will explore the way in which Jesus showed people how to find peace, both with themselves and with others. We will do this by looking at stories from the bible, including the story of Zacchaeus, mentioned in the book of Luke.



P.E

P.E this half term will take place on **Monday** and a **Wednesday but please send appropriate outdoor kit including footwear to be in school all week in case of changes**. This half term, we will work with our sports coach on benchball and football skills. Year 3 will have the opportunity to participate in a benchball event.

Religious Education

This half term in R.E, we will be looking at '**Inspirational People**'. The children will be exploring what makes an inspirational person and how even relatively ordinary people can make a moral stand and improve the lives of those around them.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we will be looking at multiplication and division. We will be using our times table knowledge to solve multiplication calculations using a variety of different methods, such as arrays, repeated addition, the grid method and column multiplication. We will then use this to help us find the inverse – division. We will be looking at techniques such as halving as well as using counters to help us with grouping and sharing. We will then be recapping over addition and subtraction through the use of word problems.

Science

In Science, the children will be looking at '**All Living Things**'. We will be learning about the different ways in which we can classify living objects, visiting Coxley Woods to help us identify different trees. We will also be using and creating our own classification keys, using what we have found out in Coxley Woods to help us. Finally, we will be looking at how humans and animals can impact on the environment.

Computing, D&T & Art: These subjects will be explored through all our lessons, offering opportunities for both group and independent work.