



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!
Welcome back to a new half term at Ash Green!

ENGLISH

In English this half term, children will be concentrating on non-fiction texts in the form of instructional writing. The Year 3 children will be investigating a range of instructions and the key features of this text type, as well as trying to follow a set of instructions successfully linked to making a healthy food recipe. Children will then use this knowledge of instructional writing to write their own instructions, which include all of the key features discussed. Children will also look at a range of diary entries and then write their own, trying hard to include a range of descriptive vocabulary.

KEY VOCABULARY LINKED TO INSTRUCTIONAL WRITING

Imperative verb – A doing word that gives an instruction to carry out an action. For example, in a recipe, imperative verbs would include: mix, chop, slice, grate, cut, sieve etc.

Chronological order – Instructions are written in the correct order that they need to be carried out in.

Time connectives – firstly, secondly, next, after that, finally.

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, all pupils in Year 3 will work on Multiplication and Division. In class we will be working hard to learn our times tables and take part in fun games and races to try and encourage the rapid recall of these.
In particular we will be working on our **3,4 and 8 times tables**.

ROALD DAHL TOPIC

As you are aware, the curriculum subjects of History, Geography, Art and Design Technology are taught through topic work. This half term, the Year 3 children are going to be studying Healthy Food through the Roald Dahl story of 'James and the Giant Peach.' The Geography based activities will focus on where different fruits and vegetables come from around the world and the climates of these localities. The children will also be researching recipes and making their own healthy food based on their research of recipes, including pasta and fruit salads.

As already mentioned, there will also be a Literacy link here where children will be asked to write their own instructions for their chosen recipe. As you can see, this is an exciting topic with many different elements to it.

SCIENCE

This half term, Year 3 children will be studying animals, including humans. Children will learn about a balanced, healthy diet linked to the different food groups and the effect of exercise on the body. As part of this topic, children will also investigate skeletons of humans and animals. They will be able to compare human and animal skeletons. You can help by asking your child to tell you all about the essential aspects of a healthy diet.

KEY VOCABULARY:

Balanced diet	fruit	vegetables	carbohydrate
protein	dairy	fat	skeleton
animal	muscle	bone	tendon

*Other curriculum areas... PE – Gymnastics/Invasion games RE – Sacred Spaces
PSHCE – Smoking Music – Descriptive sounds ICT – Branching data bases*

Just a few reminders:

- Book Bags will be sent home on a **Friday** and must be returned on a Thursday. Please read with your child and sign their reading record as frequently as possible.
- PE will be on a Monday afternoon, please ensure your child has their PE kit!
- Year three children will take part in their next class assembly on **Friday 14th February**.

* AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS *

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 look out for the permission slip that will come home with them next week! Please complete the permission slip and return it to your child's class teacher.

Lower Site:

Miss Hopkins – Drawing/ Colouring f
Miss Bedford – ICT

Upper Site:

Mr Wardman – ICT
Mr Heppenstall – Sports