



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2024

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This half term we are learning:

English: In English, we will be starting off the year by looking at two narratives called 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' and 'Blue Umbrella'. We will be creating our own stories based on this work.

Maths: We will be completing work around addition and subtraction as well as thinking about place value and comparing numbers. We will also look at shapes and fractions during this half term.

Science: Our current topic is 'Light. We will be thinking about different sources of light, sun safety, reflective materials and how shadows are formed.

History: We will be learning about 'The Railway Revolution'. We will find out about developments during the Industrial Revolution and how these impacted on travel.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around the question 'Where does our food come from?'. We will think about climate zones and how some of our favourite foods are produced. We will also be learning a lot about world maps.

Art: We will be evaluating the art of Wassily Kandinsky and trying to create our own pieces of work in his style using different materials.

Music: Our lessons will be focussed on learning about the recorder. We are finding out how we can play it in different ways and how we can change the sounds we create. We will also learn lots of new songs.

French: We will be learning about how to greet others, numbers and colours.

PSHE: In our PSHE lessons, will be looking at the topic 'Being Me in My World'.

PE: In PE this half-term, we will be learning handball skills with Mr Cross.

RE: We will be learning about signs and symbols in different religions.

Computing: In our computing lessons, we will be learning about Purple Mash and how to create branching databases.

Message from the teachers:

What an amazing start we have had to Year 3. The children have been an absolute delight and have settled into life at Flax Hill beautifully. They are working super hard and have been really engaged in our new topics. We are very proud teachers. Here are a few important pieces of information for you.

Our PE sessions are taking place on a Monday and Friday so make sure that your children are wearing correct PE kit on these days.

Don't forget that you can either send your children into school with their own snack or purchase school snacks for 50p. You can pay for a months worth of snacks using ParentPay. Please see the school office for more details.

Please ensure your child brings their reading books back into school every day. We have a lovely reading session during the first 30 minutes of the morning.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go' (Dr Seuss)

We hope that the children are enjoying the books that they are bringing home. Please encourage your children to read for at least 15-20 minutes each day. They are really enjoying their 'book chat' at the moment, so why not start some conversations about your favourite books, authors and genres.

Please try to encourage your child to make the most of the school's subscription to *Times Tables Rock Stars* - a great way to practise timetables. If you need the log-in then please ask your child's teacher or contact the office.

Homework challenges will be sent home every Friday and will include a paper task and a Purple Mash challenge.