

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2022



Year 3

January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to wish you a happy New Year and welcome to the start of 2022.

Our Topic

Climate and Weather

This term the children will be introduced to different styles of maps. They will learn to read weather and climate maps, and learn how weather and climate are generalised into world climate zones. The concept of biomes will be explored, each with distinctive climate, soil, flora, fauna and human activity.

Forces

During this topic, children will explore how forces can make objects start to move, speed up, slow down or change direction. They will compare how things move on different surfaces. They will identify that magnets attract some materials and not others and that these are known as magnetic materials. They will learn that magnets have two poles and that two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.

Collins Big Cat ebook suggestion

How Does it Work? Gill Matthews and Sylvia Karavis
978-0-00-718627-3

Have you ever wondered how a friction car, a yo-yo or a kaleidoscope works?

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about counting in steps of 2, 4 and 8, fractions and division, ordering fractions, and measuring in centimetres and millimetres

In order to support your child, you could measure items around the home, practice counting forwards and backwards in numbered steps, and use basic column addition and subtraction.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the: *3 times table*

x2 x10 x5 x4 x3 x8 x6 x9 x7 x11 x12 p1

In English, we will be learning about: *stories, play dialogue, chronological reports, explanation texts and letters.*

In order to support your child, you could discuss how plots and characters are developed by authors, both in books and in television dramas. You could also look at the layout of letters and the features they include. The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity.

PE

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday/Wednesday, with Blackbirds swimming on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework, please come and see us as soon as possible.

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Important Dates

- 04.01.22 - First day of term 3
- 08.01.22 - Bug Busting Day
- 08.02.22 - Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm via Telephone
- 09.02.22 - Parents Evening 3.30 to 5pm via Telephone
- 11.02.22 - Last day of term 3
- 21.02.22 - First day of term 4

Yours sincerely

Miss Taylor Miss Hodson Mrs Rennie
Year 3 Class Teachers

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- Visit your local supermarket and think about the force needed to move an empty trolley compared to a full trolley.
- Look around your home and think about objects that need force to move (pulls, pushes and twists).
- How about making your very own kite and think about how air moves it? Follow the instructions below.
- Why not design a parachute to try to protect an egg being dropped from a certain height? Take a photo or bring it in for us to see. 😊
- Use a fridge magnet to try and find out what materials are magnetic. You can even make your own magnet by rubbing a paperclip against a magnet.

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How to make a kite

What you need

A4 sheet of paper
Sticks
String
Ribbon (Optional)
Ruler
Pencil

Method

1. Make the sail of your kite with a sheet of A4 paper. On either side, measure 7cm down from the top. Use a ruler or other straight edge to draw a line between these marks and the top centre. Draw two more lines from the marks at the side to the bottom centre, to form a diamond.
2. Carefully, cut out the diamond.
3. Have a look outside for sticks that are roughly 29cm and 20 cm. These will be used to support the kite. Tie the two spars together with string. Check that the spar-ends still line up with the corners of the paper sail. Then, knot firmly and trim any excess.
4. At each corner, use something sharp like a pencil to pierce two holes on either side of the spar (take care!). Thread string through each hole and tie it to the spar, leaving some loose ends for attaching ribbons. Glue the spars to the paper and allow it to dry.
5. Finally, you can attach some string as seen in the picture to the right. You could also add/tie some ribbon to the bottom of your kite to decorate.

