



Year 3 Newsletter

Fascinating Fens



Hello and welcome to your first newsletter from Year 3.

Mrs Baker (Cedar class) and Mrs Wright (Birch class) are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead - we are planning lessons, topics and investigations that are going to excite, enthrall, engage and enthuse your mind!

Please find below a brief outline of what we have planned for the Autumn term—we are planning a class trip at some point during the term, with details coming out nearer the time.

We hope you enjoy your summer break and come back to school ready to learn in September. Please find the Kingsfield Homework challenge on the back of this newsletter, should you wish to participate.

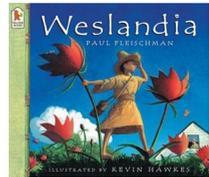


Mrs Baker and Mrs Wright x



English

In English this term, we will be basing our writing around many different books. We will begin by looking at the story 'Weslandia' - the story is about Wesley, a boy who decides to create his own civilization and soon realises how amazing nature can be — providing food, shelter, clothing and more.



Maths

In maths we will be moving onto bigger numbers, continuing the work you started in Key Stage 1, looking at the four different operations and introducing new ideas and concepts. We will also be exploring geometry, fractions, length and perimeter.



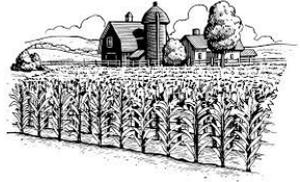
Science



In science we will be exploring magnets and forces - what are poles? What is magnetic? What isn't magnetic? How does this effect our lives? We will also be taking a closer look at animals, including humans.

Topic

Our topics will be based around our local area - The Fascinating Fens.



In history we will be looking at farming in Chatteris and the part it played in how Chatteris became the town it is today. When did farming start here?

In geography we will be looking at how the land around us is used. What grows around us? Why are The Fens important?

In art and design we will be looking at a local artist Richard Savage and his Fenland scenes, creating our own stunning pictures. We shall also be cooking and making some fun games.



Languages

Bonjour! Ca va? - as you will now be in Year 3, you'll start learning a foreign language! Can you say your name and how old you are in French? You will soon!

Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis. The children will receive a piece of Maths, a piece of English and a set of spellings each week.

In addition to this, Mathletics tasks will be set which the children are expected to complete at home alongside reading each day.



The Kingsfield Extra Homework Challenge:

Hi Year 3! Bored stiff during the holidays? Desperate to do a bit of extra homework and really impress your teachers back at school? Well now you can, with The Kingsfield Extra Homework Challenge! You may even receive extra Kingsfield Coins for your efforts. This will depend on the following factors: the amount of effort you put in; the presentation of the work you bring back, and the accuracy of the work itself. Coins will be awarded at your teacher's discretion. You may even be asked to showcase your work in assembly, in class, or for it to go on the Behaviours for Learning display in school.

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Curious Colin says: *'Find out facts about farming in Chatteris and the UK. How many different types of grain can be grown? What can the grain be made in to? How many different breeds of cow are there? Produce a farm fact-file to share with the class.'*

Creative Chloe says: *'Be creative and build your own farm - what different materials could you use? Cardboard? Clay? Plasticine? The choice is yours. Your farm creation could be on display in your new class next term!'*



Independent Isla says: *'Look at a map of Chatteris and compare it to a big city like London, Manchester or Edinburgh. What's the same? What's different? You could also compare Chatteris to another town outside of the UK. Present your findings in a creative way and you could earn yourself some extra Kingsfield coins!'*



Caleb the Co-operator says: *'Why not help at home with a meal or two. What ingredients come from local farms and what could you make out of them? Take some photos and share them, along with any recipes you follow (or create!) to share next term.'*

