

## Aycliffe Village Primary School - Year 3

Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2018 (Mrs Vest, Mrs Byrne and Miss Richmond)



We hope that you are excited for another term full of fun-packed learning!

### What are we learning this term?

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and that you are looking forward to the new year ahead as much as we are. Read on to find out about the interesting things that we will be learning about this term.

#### Around the World in 80 Days

- This term, our afternoon focus will be on Around the World in 80 Days. Although we are looking at the same topic throughout Key Stage 2, the learning objectives and tasks will be differentiated based on children's year groups. This is an evolving topic as we will explore the children's thoughts and interests throughout the story.
- History - How have things changed? We will be investigating how Phileas Fogg's journey may have been different in more modern times. We will also be investigating and learning about historical events that are included in the story. For example, we will be exploring the history of steam trains based on the story and our local heritage.
- Geography: Locational and place knowledge - investigating cities. Phileas Fogg travels around the world and we will too! Travelling across the continents and learning about the world. Year 3 and 4 will particularly focus on countries and main cities in Europe!
- Music - exploring musical from around the world and developing an appreciation of cultural similarities and differences.

This term we are all looking forward to an exciting start with our visit to The Locomotion Museum on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Science

All KS2 children will be studying the topics Light and Sound and developing their skills of working scientifically. Outcomes and expectations will be differentiated for each year group to ensure challenge and appropriate curriculum coverage.

*We are also very lucky to have a visit from the STEM team planned for Spring Term to work with KS2 children on our 'Light' topic!*

### English

- Year 3/4 Spelling Rules
- Stories about imaginary worlds
- Arthurian Legends
- Instructions and explanations
- Poetry

### Mathematics

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Measurement (Money)
- Statistics
- Fractions

### Computing

- use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.
- use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output

### Religious Education - Mrs Byrne

- Stories about the life of Jesus
- Christian symbols and beliefs
- Studying churches
- Lent

### French - Madame Byrne

- Les Quatre Amis

### P.E.

- Tennis
- Dance
- We are looking to introduce some new sports after school clubs. Is there anything that you would like to be available?

### PSHE

- Friendships and working together

Your support with your child's learning can make a big difference to the progress they make.

#### Please remember to:

- Listen to your child read at least 4 times per week and ask them questions about their reading to check their understanding of the story. **Every signature in their reading record counts towards our whole school reading challenge!**
- Every class will now have their homework given out on a Friday to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child to remember to hand it in each week.
- Have a clean PE kit in school at all times. Children can bring a pair of joggers as well as shorts as we will be having PE lessons outdoors when possible for the rest of this academic year.