

Butterflies Class Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer break!

The teachers working in our class will be Mrs Dilleigh (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Bettison (Thursday and Friday). Our teaching assistants this year are Mrs Rogers, Mrs Ridgway and Mrs Symington.

This newsletter aims to set out the key information about this half term. We will keep you up to date with any extra information on our class page (on the school website) and through text messages.

On our transition morning before the summer holidays, the children chose the name for our class mascot. *Meet Cupcake....*



Our learning in September and October:

Geography



Our topic for this half term is Mountains.

It will cover the following areas:

- What makes up the Earth?
- What is a mountain and how are they formed?
- What are the main features of mountains?
- Where are the mountains in the UK located?
- How are mountains represented on maps?
- Why do tourists visit mountains?

English:

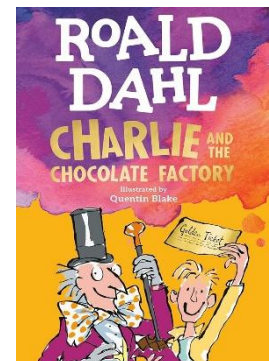
At the start of this half term, we will be taking part in a whole school writing activity based on Disney/Pixar's short film 'The Lighthouse'. It can be viewed on YouTube or Disney plus if you wish to watch the film together at home.

Children will then study explanation texts using an amazing new 'Teacher Pleaser' machine. A new innovation! 'The Parent Pleaser 2025' is expected soon after !

Following this, children will use their imagination to create a short description of a setting, based on a chocolate room.

Class Book:

Our first, class book will be, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl.



Spellings:

Children will be given spelling words to practise in class and at home. We will learn the rule and use these spellings for handwriting practise too. Then, **on a Friday**, to see how well the children have retained their knowledge, they will have a weekly test of the spellings. New spelling words will be given out on a Monday, as homework practise, starting on Monday September 15th.

Maths:

Our focus for this half term will be Place Value, Number, addition and subtraction, including:

- Use a number line to 100 and 1,000
- Represent and partition numbers to 100
- Represent and partition numbers to 1,000
- Find 1, 10 or 100 more or less
- Estimate on a number line to 1,000
- Compare and order numbers to 1,000
- Count in 50's

Children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of year 3. We will be working on them later in the term, with more information to follow.

Other curriculum areas and what we will be covering include:

- Science – Rocks
- Music – Brass
- PSHE – Team
- Computing – Networks
- Religious Education – What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week. Children need to bring in a full PE kit to change into at school. As the weather starts to get colder, we recommend joggers and a jumper/hoodie in addition to shorts and T-shirts. Please also make sure that your child has a named water bottle. These lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon with a coach and a Friday afternoon with Mrs Bettison. The children are welcome to bring their P.E. kit to school in a suitable bag, leave it on their pegs and take it home, as required, for washing.

Supporting learning at home:

- **Reading:** Every child needs to read frequently. In year 3, children need to read for at least 15-20 minutes most days and talk to an adult about what they have read. Please encourage your child to use their reading diary to record the reading that they have done each day and then obtain a signature from the adult that has listened to them. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday and Friday and they should be in school **every day**. Once we have a system in place, we will be able to confirm which day their book change will be.
- **Homework:** At the start of the term, Year 3 will have reading and spellings to focus on. Once children have settled, they will receive additional homework, details to follow. Children are welcome to do their homework during playtime at school, if they do not have time at home. We really don't want homework to be a source of stress or anxiety, only an extension of the children's learning at school. If your child is struggling with their homework, please stop and bring it into school. An adult will go through it with them.

Useful information:

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a coat so we can go outside!

Also please ensure that **EVERYTHING is named!** If it isn't, and it gets lost, we cannot return it.

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell us, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471). We will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Jayne-Ann Dilleigh, Laura Bettison and the Year 3 team