

How can you help your child at home?

Reading

Reading regularly with your child is invaluable. This includes questioning your child on what they have read. We expect the children to read at home at least three times a week.

P.E.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled PE kit in school at all times, including outdoor trainers/daps as the children will have PE outside as long as the weather conditions are dry. Lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Times tables

Rapid recall of times tables and the related division facts will help your child's learning in many different areas of maths. This could be done through games, songs or questioning. Please come to see us if you would like some tips with this.

Visit the classroom

You are welcome to come into the class to see your child's book and share in their learning when you drop them off in the morning or after school. We would love to see you!

Dates for your diary

20.2.18 - school starts
23.2.18 - sponsored bounce, symphonia strings in school
29.3.18 - Easter holidays begin
16.4.18 - Term 5 starts

Help needed!

We welcome parents, grandparents or other adults to come and listen to the children read. We will occasionally need help for school trips and visits in the local area.

All Around Us



Year 3 Newsletter Spring Term 4

English

The children will continue to forge a link with children in Chiavanna, Italy and will be writing letters to their Italian counterparts at the beginning of this term. They will go on to write non chronological reports about Marlborough and Chiavenna and will be comparing the two localities using a wide range of conjunctions. At the end of this short term, the children will be looking at mountain adventure stories. They will keep practising their new grammar skills such as the present perfect tense, prepositions and fronted adverbials.

Maths

The children will continue to hone their multiplication and division skills at the beginning of this term before going on to learn more about fractions and to apply their knowledge in problems. They will also be working on measurement and perimeter.



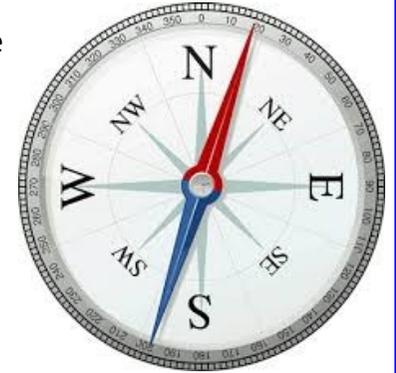
Science

Rocks, fossils and soils form the basis of this term's science, which links well with our studies of the mountainous region of Italy we are studying. The children will enjoy learning about rocks (using chocolate to help) as well as making their own fossils and soil.



Topic

Geography is the driving topic this term and the children will be learning about compass points, locating European countries on maps and a globe and looking at simple maps and birds eye plans of Marlborough and Chiavenna. They will also be learning about 4 figure grid references and learning about the features of mountains.



Other lessons

ART AND D.T. - to continue with the mountain theme, the children will make their own wooden chalets using lolly sticks

MUSIC - The children will be composing their own song about their local environment.

P.E. - After a couple of weeks creating sequences in gymnastics, the children will be working on dance movements.

R.E. - The children will be looking at salvation in Christianity and trying to answer the question 'why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?'