

Class 3

The Bliss Charity School



Term 3



Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and an enjoyable break. This term, we welcome the snow and ice with our amazing 'Ice Worlds' topic! Pupils will learn all about the unique polar regions of our planet and discover the differences between these. We will also be travelling back in time as we join Shackleton on his Trans-Antarctic expedition!

Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. East



Term 3 Topic: *Ice Worlds!*



This term, the children will be delving into the icy worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic, learning about the geography and history of the poles. They will use ICT to research a Nordic country and look at the similarities and differences between this country and England.

Children will use their historical enquiry skills to learn all about Ernest Shackleton and his famous Imperial Trans-Atlantic Expedition. Using a range of primary and secondary sources, pupils will discover what life was like for Shackleton and his men during their ill-fated expedition to Antarctica!

In literacy lessons, the children will build on their work in history, as they continue to learn all about the great explorer Ernest Shackleton. Children will develop their speaking and listening skills as they present their arguments for and against joining Shackleton and his crew on board Endurance. Later in the term, the children will use their knowledge of the expedition to develop their diary writing skills. Pupils will also use what they have learnt about the Arctic and Antarctic to write a non-chronological report about animals from these regions of the world.

In science, we will be focusing on how to carry out a fair test. The children will experiment with melting ice and will use fair-testing to decide on the best insulating material for a polar explorer's coat. They will also learn how animals have adapted to live in these freezing climes.

The children will be studying Inuit art and producing their very own work based upon the amazing work of Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak. Pupils will also develop their use of colour, using chalk and pastels to create their own Aurora Australis artwork.

Other subjects ...

Numeracy: In Term 3, we will learn how to measure length, weight and capacity using practical methods as well as linking this learning to some of the lengths and weights of polar animals. Later in the term, we will be recognising, adding and comparing fractions before using this to solve real life fraction problems. The children will then develop their ability to tell the time and their understanding of time. The children will continue to practise their calculation and mental maths skills, as well as allowing groups to work on specific targets.

Computing: This term, the children will develop their ability to research information safely on the internet before using the programme 'Keynote' to present this information to the rest of the class. Pupils will also be using Scratch to create their own ice world animation.

RE: Humanism – The children will begin to learn about the beliefs and practises of Humanists. Pupils will reflect on the differences between religious and non-religious world views.

Helping your child at home ...

Thanks you for all the support with homework over the last couple of terms. The children did a great job with their homework and achieved fantastic results for spellings and times tables.

Spellings: This term's spellings list have already gone home so please refer to these lists for the weekly tests (the lists are also available on Class 3 page on the website). It is important that your child is learning to apply key spelling rules and patterns from the tests and this will be continually assessed through their writing in class.

Times tables: The children will continue to be tested on their times facts every Friday and through the Emile App in class. Well done to all the children for all their hard work learning them so far! By the end of Year 3, it is expected that children should know the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

Reading records: In order to gain their reading stickers, the children need to be reading 5 times a week. We will continue to check the reading records on Tuesday mornings.

Homework: Every week, the children are expected to learn the times tables and spellings they have been given. In addition, they will have a piece of maths homework to complete – this may be set using MyMaths online so please check if your child doesn't have a maths sheet.

Class 3 information ...

Please note that, from this term, Class 3 will have their second PE lesson of the week on Friday afternoons. This will continue until the end of the year.

PE: PE kits, including warm outdoor clothing and trainers, will need to be in school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

PPA: Children will have PSHE and Music on Thursday afternoons during PPA time.