

Class 3

The Bliss Charity School



Term 1



Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and trust that you are all looking forward to the fun-packed year ahead. I am really looking forward to welcoming all the children to Year 3 as they make the important transition to Key Stage 2.

We start the year with our 'Under the Sea' topic where we will be studying everything about the weird and wonderful world within the deep, blue oceans!

Although things may be a little different at school, I am sure that your child will really enjoy being back and have lots of fun learning with their friends.

Mr. Colton



Term 1 Topic: *Under the Sea*



In our 'Under the Sea' topic, the children will begin by locating and naming all of the world's oceans and continents, as well as looking closer to home by locating UK seaside towns using an atlas.

The children will also learn about the many animals that live under the sea and how they have adapted to survive. Later in the term, they will study the importance of the people who can help us at sea and how they can personally make an environmental difference to our oceans.

In literacy, the children will begin the year by consolidating their previous learning and extending it to write imaginative setting descriptions based on the text 'Dolphin Boy' by Michael Morpurgo.

The last few weeks of term will see the children writing amazing non-chronological reports (fact-file pages) about their favourite sea creature.

Other subjects ...

Numeracy:

In Term 1, we will start by developing our place value skills. The children will then recap their understanding of the addition and subtraction calculation methods.

Science:

The children will explore forces and magnets by comparing how much force is needed to move an object across different surfaces and exploring how magnetic forces can act at a distance. They will observe how magnets can attract or repel each other. They will test a variety of materials and sort them according to whether they are magnetic or non-magnetic. They will also be able to describe magnets as having two poles and link this to an understanding of the Earth's magnetic poles.

Art and DT:

This term, the children will be creating sea-life pop art based upon the work of American artist Andy Warhol.

Computing:

In Term 1, we will focus on computer skills and internet safety including using safe search engines whilst researching a range of sea animals to aid their non-chronological reports.

RE:

In RE, the children will learn about Christian beliefs and places of worship as well as discussing what is important to them and understanding why something else may be valued by others.

Helping your child at home ...

Spellings: At the beginning of term, the children will be assessed every Friday on all of the Year 2 spellings that the National Curriculum recommends. After this initial assessment, we will begin to focus on spelling patterns using the fun 'Read, Write Inc.' spelling scheme.

Times Tables: The government have introduced an electronic times tables test for Year 4 children. For more details, visit <https://matr.org/blog/times-tables-test-parents-guide/>. To help reduce any anxiety and prepare the children for this test, we will run a similar style of times tables practise every Friday. Each week, the children will use the 'Learn with Emile' app on the iPads and try to improve their times tables skills. By the end of Year 3 it is expected that children should be able to recall the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

Reading Records: In order to develop and improve their reading ability – and gain their reading certificates – the children need to be aiming to read 5 times a week. We check the reading records on Monday mornings.

Learning Logs: In-line with government guidelines, homework will only be sent home when we feel that it is meaningful and manageable. This will be in the form of a learning log where the children have the opportunity to create a topic-based piece of work from home.