

Class 3

The Bliss Charity School



Term 3



Dear parents/carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year.

There are lots of exciting things planned for Class 3 over the next few weeks and I will also be updating you very soon about our residential trip to Grendon which will take place in March. The children already seem very enthusiastic about our new topic, so it promises to be a fantastic term!

If you have any questions, please come in and talk to us 😊,

Class 3 Team, Miss Connell and Mr. Jones



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 discover why they are so cold and which animals live there. In history, they will learn about the unfortunate journey of the *Titanic*.

In literacy lessons, the children will learn all about the famous Antarctic explorers, using a biography of Captain Scott as inspiration for writing their own biographies for the great explorer Ernest Shackleton. Later in the term, the children will use their knowledge of the Arctic and Antarctic to compare and contrast the two by writing detailed setting descriptions.

In science, we will be focusing on how to work scientifically. 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 climates.

To enhance our learning within our Ice Worlds topic, we are very excited to be able to take the children to the *Snozone* in Milton Keynes on Thursday 1st February. It promises to be a fantastic day where the children will get to go sledging in the snow as well as having a lesson about how snow forms and the animals which live at the poles. A letter about this trip will be sent home shortly.

Other subjects ...

Numeracy: In Term 3, we will be starting by learning about symmetry and the formation of snowflakes. We will then 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 learn efficient methods for doubling and halving larger numbers and use the four operations to solve real life 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 skills in our daily 'Brain Activate' sessions. These sessions focus on mental maths skills as well as allowing groups of children time to work on specific targets.

Art & DT: The children will learn the skills needed to draw realistic polar animals. They will also create art inspired by the northern lights and learn about Inuit art from the Arctic.

Computing: This term, the children will develop their understanding of algorithms and how instructions can be given to program a 'sprite' (character) to move in the most efficient ways.

RE: Humanism – The children will begin to learn about the beliefs and practises of Humanists.

Helping your child at home ...

Spellings: We will continue to send home spellings on Fridays and test them on the following Friday. All spellings are taken either from the Year 1/2 or Year 3/4 list of spellings recommended in the National Curriculum.

Times tables: The children will continue to be tested on their times tables and related division facts every Friday. They are given 2 minutes to answer 30 questions. Well done to all the children for all their hard work to learn 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 certificates, the children need to be reading 5 times a week. We will continue to check the reading records on Monday mornings. If the reading record is not in school or has not been handed in for any reason, we will check it the following Monday and we will make sure we count the missing week.

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 *My Maths* homework to complete online. This will be set each Friday and after completing 10 weeks of homework, the children will get a certificate to celebrate their achievements. The children should complete this independently.

Learning logs: Learning log homework will be set once or twice each term. Remember, learning logs can be colorful and eye-catching, with added drawings, lift-flaps, photos and anything else to make them into a personal learning scrap book. We will use them this term for researching different aspects of Ice Worlds.

Class 3 information ...

Trips and visitors: Trip to the *Snozone* on Thursday 1st February. Letters to follow shortly.

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

PPA: Children will have *P4C* and PE on Wednesday afternoons during PPA time.

Celebration assemblies: We will write a list of all children who are due to receive a certificate from school and place it in the window in the week leading up to all KS2 celebration assemblies. Please continue to bring in any awards and certificates achieved out of school.