



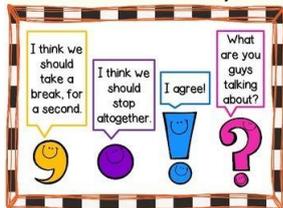
Chandos Curriculum Overview Year 3 Spring 1

Our learning this term

English

This half term the children will be linking their Literacy work with their topic writing on extreme climates, the children will be working towards writing a biography of a famous explorer. This will include looking at the past tense, third person, time conjunctives, and organising their writing into paragraphs in chronological order.

We will spend a lot of time trying to improve our work this term, finding mistakes and improving vocabulary. The children will also develop accurate dictionary skills.



We also have a focus on cursive handwriting and presentation.

In reading we will focus on inference skills, complex vocabulary and synonyms. They will take part in a formal reading assessment which will look at their comprehension skills. We have a big focus on reading speed.

Children will also be looking at answering and asking useful questions to find out more about a text.

Science

Due to our wonderful Christmas play last half term, our topic work will be starting this term instead. Our topic this is called 'Why would you need a woolly hat in the desert?' The children are going to develop their skills in Geography, looking at the features of different countries in terms of climates, mountains and rivers. They will also learn about the North and South Poles, the 8 points of a compass, gravity and magnetism. This will include lots of practical skills and investigations.

Mathematics

In maths the children will be working with fractions. This will include being able to read fractions using the right wording, being able to find equivalent fractions, and find fractions of amounts. To do this we will be using multiplication and division facts and trying to find patterns. Children will be continuing to practice their times tables, trying to get as many right in 2 minutes as they can, parents can help their children with this at home. We also have a Parent Workshop coming up on Tuesday 28th March, this time focussing on Maths. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to do some practical activities with your child.

How can you help you child?

Each week, the children will be able to choose a book to take home and read for pleasure. Please ensure that this book is returned in their book bag enabling us to change on Wednesdays for 3C and 3L. It is also important for you to write in their home reading journal so that we can see how well the children are reading at home. Children should be in the habit of bringing their book bag each day.

Use bug club (on Abacus) regularly. There are many books to choose from and questions to support understanding.

Homework

- Do pick a good time to do the homework – preferably not in a rush, and not when their favourite TV programme is on.
- Allow the child to take the lead, only taking control if they are unsure, or need something read or explained.

Let your child teach you. You will find out whether they understand their learning.

- Praise your child for working hard.

Pop in if you have any queries!

Miss Connolly, Ms Nally, Miss Holmes, Miss Winters, Miss Krew

