



Betty Layward Primary School

Year 3 Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 2021

Welcome to your child's second
Autumn half term in Year 3.

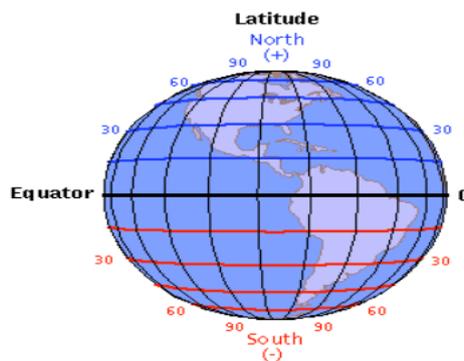
We have an action-packed time ahead of us with exciting learning experiences.

If you would like to speak to
us, or make an appointment, please let the Year 3 teaching team know.

Asifa, Tania, Brenda, Charan & Karren

For this half term, our topic is:

Mapping



During this Geography topic, we will:

- use a globe to locate the surface of the Earth
- know and use a compass rose to give the main directions: north, south, east and west
- know that near the equator are two imaginary lines called the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The places between the Tropics are known as tropical
- know that running north to south is another imaginary line called the Prime Meridian

English

This half term we will be looking at:

Fiction

Continuation of a fairy tale – The Frog Prince Continued - Jon Scieszka

Non-fiction

Explanation text

Poetry - Diamantes

Mathematics

We will continue to be learning to be fluent in number.

This will involve covering the following concepts:

- Multiplication and Division
- Word problems – application of all four operations

The children will also continue to develop their times tables knowledge.

Science

LIGHT



We will be answering these questions.

- Why can't I see it?
- What's a reflection?
- Does a light shine through it?
- Will these sunglasses work?
- What's a shadow?
- Why has my shadow changed?

Religious Education

We will be learning about:

Christianity

This will cover:

- What is the bible and why is it special to Christians?
- What can we learn from the bible?
- Identifying Christian beliefs about Jesus from the story.
- Suggesting how Christian beliefs may affect their lives and values.

DT

We will be learning about:

Building bridges

What is the strongest shape in building design?

How can we make stable joins?

Designing our bridge.

Making and evaluating a bridge.



PE

PE will take place on Fridays for both Emerald and Jade.

Homework

It is very important that your child practises their times tables and spelling regularly at home. These core skills, combined with regular wide-reading will greatly support your child's learning at school.

At home, children should be reading something they enjoy. At KS2, most children are now reading to learn, rather than learning the fundamentals of reading. There is a great emphasis on discussing and comprehending the text.

It is important that they can answer questions by referring to the text, not trying to remember the answer. They must also feel comfortable to ask what words **mean** when they come across new words. They need to see it as an opportunity to develop their vocabulary which can be applied to their writing.

Homework tasks will be given out once a fortnight. Half-termly topic projects will also be given out to students to assist their learning in class.