

# Year 3 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2024



## Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Ancient Greeks'. This is a history-based topic looking at the civilization of the Ancient Greeks. The children will learn about the city states of Athens and Sparta and the differences between these. They will learn about the Greek gods, heroes and mythological creatures, and the myths associated with them. In DT, the children will be designing and making a Greek wheeled toy based on the story of the Trojan Horse.

In art, the children will be designing and making pottery in the style of the Ancient Greeks. We will be inviting parents to visit our 'Museum in a Classroom'. Details to follow.



## Art Competition

This half term the children be competing in an art competition with other schools in the local area. The theme of the competition is 'Love Where you Live'. At Errington, we will base our work on the art of the local artist Joanne Wishart.

## Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. The children complete a Star Reader test each half term. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their books. Children read their book in school each day and are expected to read at home each night for at least 20 minutes. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus and have a guided reading session with their teacher.



## Science

In science, the children will complete work on the topic 'Animals, including Humans'. They will learn about our skeletons and muscles. They will learn about nutrition and the importance of healthy eating.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In year 3, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. This half term we will continue to focus on multiplication and division tables. Please encourage your child to practise their tables using TT Rock Stars or Purple Mash. A range of exciting on-line learning environments can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 3 Share Point.

## Maths

At Errington, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme. This programme supports a mastery approach to maths. This half term we will be learning to tell the time up to the minute- both analogue. Please practise this with your child at home. We will then return to Fractions to learn how to add and subtract simple fractions and find fractions of amounts. Finally, the children will complete a unit on Shape with an emphasis on angles. Learning multiplication tables will remain a key focus. The children will practice their multiplication tables daily.

## English

In English, we will be focusing on narrative writing based on the myths of Ancient Greece. They will also write a non-chronological report on a Greek god of their choice. The children will continue their work on paragraphs, punctuating speech, and punctuation within sentences.

## Computing

In Computing, the children will be doing Game Design. They will design and make a maze game based on the Greek myth of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. The children will also be completing a unit on branching databases. The children will use branching databases to answer questions and will then make their own database.



## P.E.

Year 3 pupils will have PE on a Thursday. This half term the children will be doing athletics and rounders. We will also have a short PE session on a Monday.