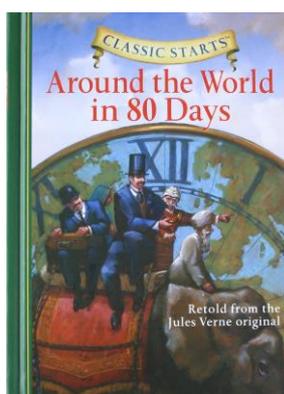


Class 3 Term 1 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely break and that the children are well-rested and eager to learn. I am so excited to be coming back to Ramsbury Primary School this year and I am particularly looking forward to working with the fantastic Class 3s. We have a fun-filled curriculum planned for this term and I am sure that the children are going to blow me away with their amazing work and effort. In Class 3, the children will be supported by myself, Mrs Bisley and Miss Miles. This letter will also outline the ways in which you can continue to support your children's learning at home.

Our learning this term is inspired by the text "Around the World in 80 Days" by Jules Verne. This well-known text was both published and set during the Victorian times, which will support the children's understanding of their topic this term. In English, we will be using this high-quality text to produce a variety of different text types. Building on our knowledge from Class 2, we will be: retelling stories, writing diary entries, writing and performing poetry, adapting "Around the World in 80 Days" to create a fantasy story and researching to produce a non-chronological report. Please continue to support your children by reading a variety of text types at home, whilst discussing with them what they have read.

In Maths, we will start by focussing on place value to give the children a clear understanding of number to support their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, where will be moving on to three-digit numbers this year. Children will be able to use this knowledge to support their problem solving and reasoning this term. To support your children at home, please give your child opportunities to practise these skills in practical situations e.g. adding prices of items in the shop.

Using "Around the World in 80 Days" we will learn more about our Victorian topic. In History, children will learn what life was like as a Victorian and will learn about Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a local, significant person in history. This will allow children to understand the importance of the railway and other important inventions of the time and the impact they have had on our lives. In Geography, children will further their mapwork skills and will be able to identify countries and cities from our class book on the map, comparing one of these cities to London. In Art lessons, we will be looking at

the evolution of photography to create Victorian silhouette portraits using charcoal and sketching pencils, allowing the children to develop their sketching technique. This term we will be linking DT lessons and Science lessons. We will be designing, creating and evaluating our own vehicles to travel around the world in 80 days. In Science, the children will plan an investigation to develop their understanding of forces to create a suitable vehicle. Children will also understand how magnets are used in some modern-day transport.

As always, Computing will be incorporated across the curriculum, this will support children in understanding how technology is used in the world, why it is so important and how to use it safely. Children will be learning about computer networks, especially the internet. They will produce work collaboratively using the internet and will use search engines to support their knowledge of the Victorian era, whilst beginning to evaluate digital content. Computing is my favourite subject so I am so excited about sharing this passion with the children this year! In Music, children will explore music produced by Victorian composers, whilst comparing different Victorian instruments. They will then produce and perform music from different genres and aspects of the Victorian era, including parlour, Victorian street cry and music hall. This term in RE, we will be learning about Sikhism and the children will be able to understand and discuss the teachings of Guru Nanak and the 5 Ks of Sikhism. We will focus on strengths and achievements in PSHE this term. This will allow the children to set goals for the year. It is very important that the children are involved in their goal setting so that they can take ownership of their learning and what they would like to achieve in Class 3.

Excitingly, the children will be taking part in swimming lessons in Class 3 as part the PE curriculum. Lessons will be taking place on a Friday morning. I know that the children will have a great time! Children will need to bring a bag containing a towel and swimming costume/trunks, as well as goggles if they have them. It is also helpful if tights are not worn on the swimming day.

Children will receive homework weekly; this will include: one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spelling words to practise. Occasionally, the children will also receive a piece of homework linked to their topic. Homework will be given out on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday, spelling words will be tested on the Thursday. If you have any questions or if you feel your child may need some extra support or a recap of the homework, please do not hesitate to let me know!

I cannot wait for an amazing first term with this lovely class and I am so excited to see all that they achieve. If you have any concerns, worries or questions, then please come and speak to me, I will be more than happy to help.

Best wishes,

Miss Davis

