

We are Dandelion Class

Year 3 January 2020



Happy New Year! Dandelions class at Middlethorpe Primary Academy are excited to continue with our new knowledge based curriculum which places powerful knowledge at its heart. Each half term there is a different subject focus, this half term the whole school will be focussing on Art. To support children's learning we have developed Knowledge Organisers for Art and Science, these aim to help children to retain and recall the essential knowledge that they will be taught. Each Knowledge Organiser includes key dates, people, vocabulary, definitions, events and contextual or technical information that we would like the children to know by heart by the end of the topic. Knowledge Organisers for each class can be found on the website but will also be sent home in their yellow Home Learning books for you to support them in learning the essential knowledge. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the Knowledge Organiser by the end of a half term. Why not have a family quiz? Try asking your child to teach you ten things they know each week. There are lots of fun ways to embed this crucial learning, have fun! Follow us on Twitter to see what we are doing in class (see below).

SPRING TERM SUBJECT FOCUS

We will be focusing on Art.

Our Enquiry question is:

Can I create my own composition inspired by nature?

We will explore artist's work, practise water-colour techniques and produce our own water-colour piece.

In each subject we will be learning:

Science: Forces and magnetism

PE: Gymnastics floor and Dodgeball

PSHE: Dreams and Goals

RE: Could Jesus really heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?

Music: Singing and drumming (samba and djembes)

D&T: Food and Healthy Eating

ICT: Digital Literacy - effective research

English and Maths

English: We are reading the beautiful book, The Tin Forest.

Maths: We are practising place value, ordering and rounding and refining formal written methods (the 4 operations).

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Important Days

Our indoor PE day is **Thursday** and outdoor PE will be on **Monday**, children need to have both kits in school all week please in case of any timetable changes.

We all need to read 5 times a week and Reading Records will be checked when handed in weekly. Reading books should be changed independently by the children when they are ready for a new book.

HOME LEARNING should be in the yellow box by Thursday please (it can be handed in sooner) so that we can mark it and put new home learning inside.

Spelling test will be on a **FRIDAY**. Spellings for this half term are in the yellow home learning books. You also have a copy to keep at home.