

# Bellfield Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter

Year Group: 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to a fantastic year and know that the children are going to be amazing! Although this is going to be a 'strange' term, we know that you will continue to support us in ensuring that all children are given the highest quality teaching and succeed. This is our new style class newsletter. All communication will be sent out via Seesaw or Parent Pay so please login to your emails and Seesaw account on a regular basis.

## Welcome and Termly News

Welcome to Class 3! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the new term ahead! I am so excited to teach your children this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or worries.

**Times of the day** – Our arrival time is 8.40am and our finishing time is 3.15pm.

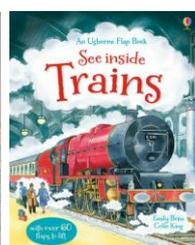
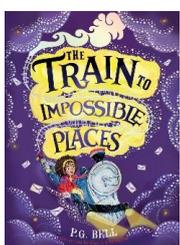
**Home Reading** - Please help your child become a confident reader and read 4 times or more a week at home. Books will be changed regularly so please ensure book bags are brought in so books can be changed.

**Spellings** – Spellings will be sent out on a Friday and should be practised daily for a spelling test the following Friday.

**Homework** – Maths homework will be sent out every Friday. Please complete this and return it by the following Friday.

## Literacy this term and our chosen author/text:

This term we will have the opportunity to study three different texts: The Polar express, The Train to Impossible Places and a non-fiction book based on the history of train travel. During guided reading and literacy we will look at these books in depth and use them to inspire our writing. Throughout this term, we will look at a range of writing genres. We will be writing character descriptions, as well as looking at poetry and diary entries. As well as this, we will be working on basic writing skills and developing more complex extended write through the use of more ambitious punctuation and sentence structure.



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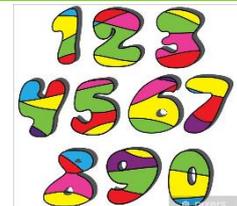
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## Maths this term:

As Mathematicians, we will start to build speed and fluency in our mental maths through our daily Big Maths sessions. These sessions also help us to consolidate the new skills we will learn throughout the term. In our main maths sessions, we will be looking at identifying digits within a number up to 1000. We will then use our knowledge of these numbers to round, order and sequence numbers. Once we are confident on this, we will begin looking at written and mental methods for addition and subtraction. After that, we will begin looking at multiplication and division, and will be focusing heavily on our times tables knowledge to begin the year.



## Curriculum:

This term, our topic lessons will be focused on the train network in and around Hull. We will look at the history of the railway that runs through Hull, discussing what it used to be like and where it will be going in the future. We will discover how trains have evolved over the past 150 years, from the earliest steam engines, to the 'Bullet' trains that can be found around the world now. As well as this, we will use the train lines as a way to explore the geography of the world around us, while learning all about the physical and human features of our city. Another part of our lessons will be to look at a range of maps, before describing directions on these maps using a compass.

## Science:

As scientists, we will focus on Animals Including Humans and Living things and their Habitats. We will work on our skills as scientists through exploration, research and investigations. As a class we will look closely at the human body and how it works. We will look closely at animal groups and where these animals live in the world.



## Educational Visits

This term, we are aiming to walk into the local area to look closely at the train lines that are no longer in use. We will use this visit to help with our history research and geography fieldwork.

## Special events

Event	Date	Time
Jeans for Genes Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning