

Class 3L Newsletter

January 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

This half term's learning is taking us to the Rainforests and back in time to the Aztecs. We have already begun studying the atlases to find continents, the equator and the rainforest greenbelt, and we'll be continuing this theme to explore the history of chocolate and the process of chocolate-making. The Aztecs played a vital role in the discovery of chocolate so we'll be looking at this ancient civilisation: how and where people lived; customs and traditions; and Aztec crafts. We also have our visit to York's Sweet Story and York Minster on Monday 21st January to look forward to. (Please let me know if there are any parents/carers who would like to join us on this visit)

The children will continue to receive two PE sessions on a Wednesday, and Mrs. Gillatt and Mrs. Mitchell will teach 3L for their Science/DT/ICT day on a Thursday. Swimming lessons begin again on Tuesday 25th January. (please see letter dated 08.01.13)

Homework

'The limits of my language mean the limits of my world' (Ludwig Wittgenstein)

This half term's focus for homework is 'Wonderful Words'. On a Monday please help your child to find five words that are new to them. Their task is to find the meaning of their wonderful words and then learn how to use them in a sentence. On 'Five Word Friday' the children will be asked to stand up in front of the class, tell everyone each of their words, what they mean, and then use them in a sentence. This activity will also support development in the speaking and listening curriculum, in preparation for this year's speaking and listening competition. The children don't need to write their sentences down or learn how to spell the words, but are welcome to do so if they wish. Children can earn 20 house points for their team every time they use one of their new words (or someone else's) when speaking or when writing.

'By words the mind is winged' (Aristophanes)

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their tables and spellings each week; many of them are making good progress with these, but there is still some way to go.

Visits

York's Sweet Story/York Minster

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Vindolanda/Roman Army Museum (Hadrian's Wall) May 2013

Due to the distance we are travelling and the fact that we are visiting both the Vindolanda site and the Roman Army Museum, the cost per child for this experience is going to be approximately £25.00. I will send the visit information letter to you in early March so there will be the opportunity to pay in instalments if you so wish.

If any parents or carers would like to join us on any of the visits, please contact me as we are always very grateful of additional adults to share in our fun!

Regards,

Caroline Loring