

School value:

Our school value for this half term is KINDNESS. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

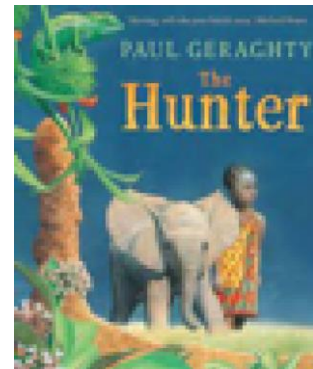
Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely Summer holiday and enjoyed making lots of memories over the 6 weeks. We are excited to be welcoming the children into Year 3 and looking forward to the wonderful learning experiences we are going to share together. The Year 3 team are very proud of how Year 3 have begun the year, showing such positivity and enthusiasm for their learning.

If you wish to speak to me please do catch me at the beginning/end of the day, or please book an appointment to see me with the school office. You can also contact me via email. My email address is: sbasi@inspirerockcliffe.co.uk

Year 3's learning this half term:

This term, Year Three will be focusing on sustainable development, learning about the stone age and how humans lived in a sustainable society during that period. The children will discover and develop their understanding of this through their core text for this half term, 'The Hunter' by Paul Gerachty. This book is a thought-provoking book from the perspective of a small girl, who lives in Africa. It addresses the issues of hunting and the impact it has had on a small elephant she has come across. After immersing ourselves in this core text and exploring the themes within sustainable development, including the basics of cause and effect of climate change, we will aim to create a sustainable fashion show made with recyclable materials, alongside a campaign to make changes in society in order to reduce the effects of climate change. This is will be our project outcome where we will share all our successes in our learning achieved over the half term.



English: In English, through the core text, 'The Hunter' the children will be exploring the characters in the story through role-play. We will explore the use of vocabulary and language throughout, and aim to create a re-tell of the story by innovating our own version using our knowledge and understanding developed across the term.

Maths: Maths lessons this half term will focus on the children developing their understanding of place value of numbers to 1000, as well as adding and subtracting numbers in a variety of ways. Our maths learning journey consists of children becoming fluent mathematicians who can reason and apply their knowledge to different contexts.

Science: Our science topic this half term is, 'Rocks'. The children will learn the different ways in which rocks can be classified and explore how rocks are formed by creating chocolate rocks. They will be able to classify rocks by their different properties. The children will also begin to explore how fossils are created and formed.

Art: The children will be creating art through observational drawings and using shading techniques to create texture. They will be focusing on creating stone age drawings and sketches.

PE: Over the half term, the children will be developing their skills in gymnastics. They will work collaboratively to create a sequence of movements.

General Information

PE: PE will take place twice a week, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure children bring their PE kits in every Monday. They will be taken home again each Friday so they can be washed. It is important the children have their PE kit in school every day. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Reading Records: Please ensure children bring in their reading record books on their assigned day so that we will be able to see any reading your child has done.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.

Times Tables: At the beginning of year 3 we will be looking to consolidate the children's knowledge of their 2, 4, 5 and 10 times tables, it would be really beneficial for your children to be practising these at home.

Reading

We will do whole class reading **every day**. Each group will read once a week with the class teacher. The children will change their home reading books on a given day, this day will be written in their Reading Record book. Children will choose a suitable reading book to take home from our book corner.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the banded reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.

It has been so lovely to see so many children reading with parents at home and earning their reading certificates. Please continue to read at home with your child.

Dates for the Diary

Meet the teacher: Thursday 15th September