



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Gatekeeper Newsletter

Autumn 2021

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have all had a restful summer. The children have settled well into Gatekeeper class and are quickly becoming established into our new routines and expectations.



Our learning this term

For the first half of this term, we will be learning about exploring and endurance. This will include considering the commitment and perseverance needed to learn new skills. There will be both fiction and non-fiction writing opportunities, alongside drama, role-play, and debates. We will also make links with our geography learning to understand and use simple compass directions, as well as linking with our science learning to consider animals and their natural habitats.

After half term, our topic will be 'Survival'. We will explore a variety of modern and historic survival situations. As in the rest of the school, our topics will continue to guide our English learning. The children will be learning about the four sentence types; statement, question, command, and exclamation, and how to punctuate each correctly. They will focus on non-fiction writing and learn how to research and gather facts about a topic. We will be writing for a purpose through writing instructions, letter writing and giving explanations. We will focus on cursive letter formation during daily handwriting sessions.

We will continue to follow the Inspire Maths programme that the children began in Year 1. This is based on the popular Singapore teaching methods and focuses on ensuring a deep understanding of mathematical concepts through structured teaching, using a concrete-pictorial-abstract approach. In lessons, each child will work with a 'maths mate' and tackle learning together through use of equipment and discussion. Alongside this, we will also focus on learning the times tables.



Follow our learning

Our class blog is updated regularly with information and examples of our learning. Please subscribe to get email updates when a new post is added. Visit <https://3lxyears2.wordpress.com> to view and subscribe via the link.

Dates for the diary

We would like to invite you to join us on **Tuesday 21st September at 9am** for a short harvest assembly to share a little of our learning with you. Please do not attend if you have COVID symptoms and please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others. The children will sing a song and share some learning, for no more than 10 minutes, in individual classes. We will be limited on space, so please no more than two parents/carers per child.

Contact:

If you are unable to communicate directly with our staff, you can always email the class teacher, Jess, at j.fitzpatrick@3lxschool.com. Continue to report school absences by telephoning the school office on 01202 822460 or via email: office@3lxschool.com. Please access the school website for up to date details of school events. Log onto www.3lxschool.com and click on the calendar.



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