

# Y3 Spring 1: Flow



Welcome back and Happy New Year! Another year, another busy half term ahead for Y3! Lots of new learning to be done as well as a trip to Teesmouth Field Centre (16.1.18) and swimming lessons beginning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January (more info to follow!) Below is an overview of what we will be learning over the next half term with our new river based topic:

## Flow

Please do not hesitate to let Mrs Morris, Miss Durkin or Mrs Rogers know if you have any questions or concerns.

*We will always do our best to ensure your child is getting the most out of their education.*

### English

Year 3 will have the opportunity to write for a variety of different purposes this half term. These include: newspaper reports, journals, poems and discussion texts.

We will continue to have a **huge** push to improve our handwriting and presentation across all subjects in Year 3. Hopefully some children will receive their pen licenses this half term - keep up the fantastic work! Daily Guided Reading sessions will support your child's understanding, enjoyment and confidence in reading. Reading regularly at home will also greatly help your child's progress.

### Maths

We will continue to build on our multiplication skills this half term, as they are crucial to support other aspects of Maths. Please make sure you continue to practise your target times tables and associated division facts.

As well as this, the children will be taught to apply their maths skills in a variety of contexts through measurements (length and weight); multiplication and division; and fractions. In our 5 a Day sessions, we will continue to perfect our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Let's make it a fantastic start to 2018! It is vitally important that your child is in school **everyday** and **on time**. School opens at **8:50am** to allow pupils to share their reading journals and begin their 5 a Day maths work.

Every minute of learning time is essential.



### Topic

This half term our topic is 'Flow'. We will explore the river from its beginnings high in the mountains, down through the valleys and into the sea. Let's pull on our wellies and wade right in! We will be asking ourselves: how deep does the river go and how fast does it travel? As scientists, we will investigate what soil types can be found by the riverside and which animals make their homes there. Our trip to Teesmouth Field Centre will certainly help with our research! Not only that, we will be exploring some of the world's most majestic rivers and keeping a journal of what we discover.

## PE

Our Y3 PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please remember that children should have a PE kit including shorts and T-shirt with suitable footwear (plimsolls or trainers) in a named bag. This should be available in school at all times.

## Home Learning

**Reading** - Your child will bring a reading scheme book home each night: please take the time at home to listen to your child read **each night** and to fill in their reading record.

**Homework** - homework grids will be sent home (and are available on the school website) for children to select their homework challenges and complete a range of tasks. These should be returned to school to be checked every Wednesday.

Please ask if you have any queries or problems about home reading or homework ☺

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