

## Class 3 Round-Up Autumn 1

Welcome to the first Class 3 Round Up of the year!

Class 3 have settled beautifully into their new routines and the Year 3 children seem to have flourished in their new role of juniors. It is a big step from Year 2 to Year 3, and I am very proud of the progress they have made, the resilience they have shown and the excellent learning behaviour they exhibit. Well done Year 3! Of course, I have relied on the Year 4 children to help model and set good examples. Thank you, Year 4!



This half term, we have been learning all about the Loch Ness Monster in our English work. We have designed a magazine article for children, explaining some of the information that we have been researching. We have learned many fascinating facts – did you know that Loch Ness holds more water than all the water in the lakes, rivers and streams of England and Wales combined? Or that St Columba first ‘discovered’ Nessie 1400 years ago?

We have been doing a lot of work related to place value in our Maths, ensuring we understand the value of each digit in a 3-digit number. The children have been seeking patterns, looking at adding and subtracting 1, 10 or 100. The Year 4 children have been adding and subtracting large numbers using the formal written method. It has been quite tricky exchanging and carrying but we have made a good start.

We have really enjoyed learning about The Victorians in our History. We found out a lot of information about Queen Victoria who was a fascinating, formidable woman! The children have focused on Victorian housing, comparing a house in the slums of London with a squire’s villa. Quite a difference. I know that our visit to the Victorian Christmas experience at Leighton Hall will really help the children to consolidate their knowledge. Thank you for your support with the homework projects – Class 3 are quite renowned for the quality of their homework projects, and there will be another one sent home next half term. Please encourage your child to produce work of the highest standard to bring into school and share.



The children have collaborated well in PE, learning new skills in handball. They have been drawing figures in Art with Mrs Morris and learning publishing skills in Computing. We have been Bible explorers in our RE, discovering why people around the world read the Bible and how they read the Bible. We were blown away by the work of Bible translators, helping people all over the world to access God’s word.

As part of our wider curriculum, the children did a super job of learning and reciting ‘Voices of Water’ for our Poetry Recital. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and share this event in school. The children really enjoyed having an audience and we hope this will be the first of many events where you can come and share in the life of school this year.



A big thank you for the donations to our Bishop’s Harvest Appeal Day last Friday. The children had an enjoyable day, learning about the work of the CRESS charity in South Sudan. We did a refugee walk, carrying all our belongings around the school field, decorated biscuits with the cress emblem, built jeeps from lego (CRESS are hoping to purchase a jeep to navigate the tricky terrain in South Sudan), and played Jenga to replicate the idea of a strong country becoming weaker and falling due to conflict and unrest.

The children are definitely ready for a break next week. I hope they can enjoy some lovely Autumn weather and fun times, have a good rest and return to school refreshed and ready for the next half term. It is going to be a busy one!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Bolton, Miss Wilson and Mrs Morris,

