

## LITERACY

In Literacy we will be focusing on non-fiction text this half term, specifically letter writing. We will be learning all of the necessary skills behind writing letters and what their purpose is.

We will be building up to writing our own letters of support to the homeless people of Doncaster which will be hidden inside our Christmas Stockings.

# Year 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter

# HOMLESSNESS

## MATHS

This half term we will be moving on to addition and subtraction. We will be using our knowledge of place value to help us and will be using bar models as our main representation. The children will also be introduced to 'regrouping' which is the correct terminology for 'borrowing.'

Times tables are a crucial part of the Year 3 curriculum and we will be working on our 4 times tables. Children must know these by heart!

We hope to have lots of Times table Rockstar champions!

## DT

This half term, our arts will focus mainly on the skills of DT. We will be designing and creating our own Christmas stocking for the homeless. To do this we will be practising the skill of using a running stitch in sewing, in order to join materials together.

We will also be using a variety of different materials to build shelters that must withstand a variety of different extreme weather scenarios.

## PE

Our focus for this half term is team games and skills. We will be specifically focusing on basketball.

Children will also be taking part in Commando Joe's with Commando G.

PE Days:

Class 7 – Monday and Tuesday

Class 8 – Monday and Tuesday

## HELP THE HOMELESS

Our aim for this half term, is to do all we can to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness around Doncaster and what we can do to help. Our aim is to create Christmas Stockings, filled with basic necessities that we can give to the homeless people of our town. Look out for more information about this!

## SCIENCE

As part of our theme of homelessness, we have chosen to focus our science learning around the importance of health and nutrition in both humans and animals. We will be looking at what makes a healthy balanced diet and the impact which not having one can leave on our bodies. We will be comparing our diets to that of homeless people and thinking about what we can do to support this.

As part of this topic, we will also be learning all about our skeletal and muscular systems.

## SPELLING

We will be continuing to practise our spellings each day. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and dictation will take place on a Friday.

Please continue to practise the 100 High Frequency words at home with your child. Children **must** be able to read at sight and spell these words and they make up part of our weekly spelling dictation. If you would like a copy of these, please ask your child's class teacher.