

Welcome back! We wish you a Happy New Year and hope you are rested, relaxed and ready for an exciting term.

We have a lot to look forward to!

Reading

Here at Skegness Junior Academy we have a strong belief that reading is the key to a successful future. Please ensure that your child is reading at home at least 4 times per week, it is important that you sign your child's reading record to let the class teacher know that this has happened. This term we will be launching our 'Golden tickets' If your child reads 4 times a week or more they will receive a 'golden ticket,' this ticket will entitle them to visit our Academy cinema at the end of each month. This term will also see the introduction of our new reading scheme. Our children will have access to some fantastically exciting new scheme books to take home and read. Thank you for your continued support.

English

This term we will be focusing our learning around traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood and Hansel and Gretel. We will be recapping and retelling these stories, finding similarities between them, then we will begin to look at how these stories can be twisted. By the end of the term children will be able to create their own version of a well known traditional tale. Our Spelling and grammar will focus on direct speech, fronted adverbials and homophones. We will continue our vocabulary focus, as we are learning an abundance of fabulous words!

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on measures this term. We will begin by looking at time, moving on to weight and then length and capacity. Baking, building and gardening will be incorporated into our learning. Later in the term we will recap our shape work. We will continue to work on our calculation and continue with our daily times table revision. In year 3 we are mainly focusing on our 3,4 and 8 times tables. Please help out by giving your child support at home and encourage them to use the Times Table Rockstars app!

Also happening....

We look forward to learning all about the seven continents this term. Linking to our topic 'Tell us a Tale' we will -

- look at the different locations around the world where wolves could be found!.
- learn about endangered animals around the world and we will be thinking about how maps can help us to locate places around the world.
- learn all about our local area with a special visit to a local site of historical importance for history
- get very creative this term, creating moving, silhouette pictures using a variety of different mechanisms.
- use ICT to record our own twisted tales using our moving pictures, thinking carefully about how to use our voices to add expression to engage the listener.

During our PE lessons we will be playing invasion games. Please ensure your child has an indoor and outdoor kit in school. Our PE days will remain as Thursday and Friday.

Things to remember:

This term we will be beginning our spelling WASP. Please continue to recap the words that have been tested this year ready for our spelling competition on Friday 31st January.

Remember to keep update with all of the fantastic things your children have been doing by checking the website and following us on Twitter.

Please ensure that your children arrive to school each morning wearing the correct uniform, including black school shoes, along with their reading book and PE kit.