

Chawson 1st School

Italy Topic Letter

Year 3

ENGLISH

What? Narrative Writing based on a story set in Italy and instruction writing.

Why? Your child will learn to write;

- In a range of fiction and non-fiction writing styles.
- Detailed descriptive sentences using conjunctions.
- Explore adventurous vocabulary.

WOW!

Enjoy making your own pizza and then writing your own instructions for someone else!



Help at home by:

- Continue to read with your child every day. Don't forget, 15 days reading each month means that they will be entered into this month's prize draw. Once they have read 15 times children should give their reading cards to their class teacher.

Reading for pleasure is a fantastic way to develop literacy skills and vocabulary. Continue to enjoy the books that your child brings home from their class book corner at home to engage and inspire your child in a life long love of reading.

Our topic this term is:



MATHS

What? Children will be learning about money and fractions of numbers.

Why? Your children need to practise these key skills as the basis for later learning and in the case of money as an important life skill! We will be applying the formal methods of addition and subtraction we have already learnt so they see the link between mathematical methods.

WOW! The weekly TTRS tables sheets will challenge your child in school – Remember to go on TTRS at home for practice.

Help at home by:



- Practise mental maths by learning times tables facts for 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 tables.
- Talk about money when you are out and do we read the decimal point? Can children add items together to work out what they will total or calculate the change they will receive? Allow them to handle real money and recognise coins.

Cross Curricular

What? The key geographical features of Italy and a study of its weather in comparison to Scotland. An exploration of volcanoes and earthquakes and a look at tourism. Discovering how the skeleton and muscles work and move.

Why? For children to be able to compare and contrast two different countries within Europe.

WOW! We will be enjoying designing and making our own Italian style pizza!

Homework

Children will be given a spelling list each Friday for them to practise during the week ready for our spelling test on Friday.

A new project homework has been issued and is due back on **Friday 9th May**.

PE Information

Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. A reminder that children should not wear earrings for PE.

3K - Wednesday and Friday
3L - Tuesday and Thursday

Important dates:

Last day of Spring term: Friday 11th April
Back to school: Monday 28th April
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May
Last day before half term: Friday 23rd May

Why not enjoy exploring Italy on Google Earth or on a map to try and spot the different features and cities we are learning about in school? Can you locate: the Alps, Rome, Venice, the River Po, Lake Garda? Drop yourself down and explore.