

Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 1 2020



Miss Clayton, Mrs Walton and Miss Davis would like to welcome you to Year 3! We hope you all had a lovely summer, and are ready for the exciting challenges of KS2. We are really looking forward to getting to know all the children, and seeing how they develop as individuals over the year.

This term ... We start with place value, leading us to addition and subtraction. Support from home will be invaluable to ensure the children will be able to access everything in Year 3.

We will be sharing 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers across the school. Each class will be producing some amazing writing, and I can't wait to see what we will come up with based on this beautiful text.

In English we will then be reading the picture book 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs. This will cross curricular link to our history topic. The children will have many rich writing opportunities from this text from predictions, letter writing, planning and producing our own parallel narrative. Please encourage your child to read at home this year. Regular reading promotes confidence and enjoyment in reading aloud. Children will be allocated a reading day so it is paramount that your child has their book in school on that day. If your child has read their book, please don't hesitate in sending it back, we'll be more than happy to change it!

Our main topic is, 'Were the ancient Britons as smart as we are?' We will be learning about life in early Britain. We will start with the Stone Age, finding out what life was like at that time, moving through to the Bronze Age and Iron Age.

In Science we will be looking at where rocks come from and how they are created. We will look at fossils and the importance of fossils in studying creatures from millions of years ago. We will be learning about the importance of different rocks and their uses in everyday life, and how to clean dirty water only using rocks.

Finally – Spelling tests will take place on a Monday, and times tables tests on a Friday. As soon as the children are settled into their new KS2 routine we will be sending them home.

Communication

Please don't forget to connect to your child's dojo account, I will be using it to send work selfies, and sharing our news on class story. 5 dojos for all children who have connected parents!

The dojo account is a brilliant tool to send messages, so please feel free to use it to send messages into school. I'm looking forward to sending lots of positive messages home about brilliant work.

How you can help

MATHS – You can access www.sumdog.com for fun ways to help. We will be developing our understanding of place value, + - X ÷. Homework will sometimes also be set on Sumdog, so it is well worth a look at home.

PE – PE is on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoon. **Please ensure that your child comes to school in their kit on those days.** Also please remember no earrings on PE days.

HOMEWORK – Homework goes home on Wednesday and needs to be back in school the following Monday. 5 dojos for fully completed and returned homework. *Maths homework will be set weekly on Sumdog.*

Each week I will be choosing a piece of work to win 'Homework of the week'! The winning piece will be displayed on the wall and win a prize from the prize tin.

Maths will be based on what we have covered in the week or basic skills and English will be a reading comprehension or basic grammar skills. Children are expected to present their homework neatly – all maths in pencil and to use a ruler when underlining.
