

# Year 3 Class Newsletter

## Summer 2023



Welcome back to school!

I hope that you had a lovely, restful Easter break. The children have settled back into the routines of school very well and are all very excited to see what the Summer term will bring.

### English

This term the children will be consolidating the Year 3 concepts from the Spring term. We will work on using a wider variety of punctuation correctly and we will continue to have daily guided reading sessions. Handwriting, as always, will be a focus and the majority of children should be joining neatly by the end of this term. Please continue to read and practise spellings with your child daily. These few minutes each day have a huge impact on your child's overall progress.

### Maths

In Maths this term we will begin by continuing our work on fractions. We will also continue our times table work and it is key that all children become more fluent in recalling multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. The children will continue to bring home a few tables facts each night and then build on them over the week. The expectation is that they will be able to recall these facts rapidly and with accuracy by the following day. Please support your child by firing quick questions at them—have some fun with it. See if your child can beat you to the answer!

This term we will also cover the topics of measurement and shape. These lessons will all be very practical for the children as they work on applying the skills learned to real life situations. You can support your child with these tasks at home by asking them to help you to measure ingredients when cooking or by helping you to count change when out shopping.

### Science

This term we are studying 'Plants'. We will begin by looking at the parts of plants and the children will learn what plants need to stay healthy. We will also be growing some plants in school and carrying out investigations with these across the term.

### Geography

This term we will be learning about migration. We will begin by looking at why people move and how this has changed over time. We will also study some of the positive and negative effects of migration.

### History

During the second half term we will be studying Henry VIII and the reformation. We will look at what England was like in the 16th century and why Henry the VIII is such a famous king. We will also learn about each of Henry's wives.

### RE

Our first RE area of learning is 'Energy'. During this unit we will learn about what happened after Easter, including the feast of Pentecost. We will then move onto studying 'Choices' which focusses on the theme of forgiveness and repentance. Our final area of learning for the summer term is 'Special Places' which focuses on the work of CAFOD and how we can help others.

### Art

During the first half term we will be looking at 'recycled art'. During this topic we will be thinking about how we can create art from recyclable and non-recyclable materials.

### DI

During the second half term we will be looking at rainforests and linking this to food and nutrition. The children will explore fruits which grow in rainforests and then choose their favourite to design and create a healthy smoothie.

### Computing

Our first area of learning will be 'simulations'. The children will explore simulations and learn what they are. They will also learn that simulations can represent real and imaginary situations.

The second area of learning this term will be 'graphing'. The children will use the programme 2Graph to create various forms of graph to represent data.

### PE

We will be focussing on athletics in preparation for our school sports day! During the second half term we will be studying cricket.

### Spanish

During this term we will continue to study the basics of the Spanish language. We will recap the phonics sounds learned so far and apply these to the areas of birthdays, colours and pets. Throughout each lesson the children will practise talking to each other in Spanish before writing some simple Spanish sentences.

## RSHE

This term we will be exploring The Trinity and what this means to us as Catholics. The children will learn that they are all made in God's image. They will then link this learning to the basics of Catholic Social Teaching which aims to promote the common good. The children will explore this teaching through the theme of 'How do I help others?'

## Music

This term we will be focusing on the song 'Bringing us Together'. This is a Disco song about friendship, peace, hope and unity. The children will learn how to perform this song in a chorus.

## Reading

This term we will begin by reading 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. We will then move on to our final Reading Spine book 'Bubble and Squeak'.

## Reminders

**Water Bottles:** Please provide your child with a water bottle for them to use in class. (Water only) This is a separate one to the one in their packed lunch box.

**P.E. Kit:** Please send your child to school in full PE kit each TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY. This should consist of plimsolls, a white t-shirt and navy shorts. In colder weather they are welcome to wear a plain navy tracksuit and trainers. Please note leggings are not part of our PE kit.

**Reading:** Please read with your child daily and ask them to bring their reading diary into school each day. Ask your child to inform us when they have finished their book so that we can check their diary and change their book.

**Homework:** Homework will be given each Monday and is due on Friday. Spellings should be practised daily with your child. Times tables are also to be practised daily in your child's timetable book. Your child will also receive a Pobble to complete each week in their homework book. Please encourage them to write at least one paragraph about the picture given.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office to arrange a meeting. Thank you for your support.

Miss Whalen