

# Year 3 Class Newsletter



## Spring 2023

Welcome back to school!

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

### English

This term the children will be consolidating the Year 3 concepts introduced in the Autumn 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 continue our work on multiplication and division. This is a very important topic 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 money. 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 half term we are studying 'Forces and Magnets'. We will begin by looking at the forces of pushes and pulls and the children will have the opportunity to explore these forces by carrying out investigations in class. We will then move on to magnets and the children will investigate which metals are magnetitic and which metals repel magnetic forces.

### **RSHE**

This term we will be studying module 2 of the TenTen programme. This module builds on the belief that we are made out of love, for love.

The children will learn about the importance of healthy relationships and why respecting their bodies is an important part of keeping safe.

The children will touch on the four different forms of abuse, and who they can talk to if they are worried.

### **Music**

This term we will be focusing on the song 'Bringing us Together'. This is a Disco song about friendship, peace, hope and unity.

### **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 'The Sheep Pig' by Dick King Smith.

### **Art**

During the first half term we will be studying Andy Warhol. We will look at and evaluate some of his most famous pieces before then creating artwork in his style.

### **DT**

During the second half term we will be looking at woodwork and resistant materials. We will look at some existing designs and use these to create our own. We will then build and evaluate a wooden house.

### **Computing**

Our first area of learning will be 'touch typing'. The children will use Purple Mash games to improve their typing skills.

The second area of learning this term will be 'emails'. The children will use Purple Mash to create and send their own emails to other members of the class.

Again, any support at home to consolidate their learning would be so beneficial.

### **PE**

During the first half term the children have a 2 Week block of swimming. After that we will be focussing on increasing our basketball skills.

### **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 some simple descriptions. The children will learn how to describe things such as their hair, eyes and some well known characters.

### Geography

This term we will be learning about earthquakes. We will begin by looking at the structure of the Earth and what the Earth's crust consists of. We will then learn about how earthquakes happen and the effects they have.

### History

During the second half term we will be studying The Vikings and The Anglo Saxons. We will learn about where these groups came from and why they were so keen to invade Britain. We will also study the Island of Lindisfarne.

### RE

Our first RE area of learning is 'Journeys'. During this unit we will learn about the key events which make up the Church's year and when these are celebrated. We will then move onto 'Listening and Sharing'. During this unit we will explore The Eucharist, building on learning which took place in Year 2.

### Reminders

**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.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office to arrange a phone call.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Whalen