

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2021

Welcome to Year 3! Classes this year are led by Miss King and Miss Rice with support every day from Mrs Brown, Mrs Gregory and Miss Pritchard. Miss Haynes will be teaching in 3SR every Friday and will also cover Miss Rice's PPA. Mrs Iddon will cover PPA in 3VK on alternate Fridays. Our classroom doors open at 8.50am and close at 9.00 am ready for registration. At the end of the day we open our doors at 3.30pm.

Lunch, snacks and water bottles – In Key Stage 2 children no longer receive fruit for snack as they did in Key Stage 1 but instead can bring a small snack in from home. Please remember we encourage children to eat a healthy snack, so no crisps, sweets or chocolate bars. As some of the children have been struggling to open packaged items in their lunch boxes, can you please check they are able to independently open anything they bring in. Also please do not to send in anything containing nuts. Your child needs to bring in a water bottle each day, if possible with a sports lid to help avoid spillages. (Please no juice!) They can keep this on their table and can refill it when needed.

Homework – Our homework will be sent home via Seesaw. We will set the homework on a Friday and would like it completing by Wednesday the following week. This will allow us to check it before setting the following week's homework activity. Login details will remain the same as last year. We will send these details home again together with login details for Bug Club and TT Rockstars so don't worry if you no longer have them. Spellings and any number facts (eg number bonds / times tables) will also be sent home via Seesaw on Fridays and we will test these in class on the following Friday.

Reading - Reading books will be collected in on Fridays, along with reading records and new reading books will be given out on Mondays. If your child finishes their book before Friday, they can access Bug Club activities and they can also read their own reading materials from home. Please try to read with your child every day, even if just for 10 minutes and talk to them about what they have read. It is just as important to do this in Key stage 2 as in Key Stage 1 when children are first learning to read.

English and maths - In our English lessons we will be focussing on writing a variety of genres including adventure stories, persuasive letter writing, non-chronological reports, setting descriptions and poetry. Our maths work focuses on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also using the Big Maths resource to help develop fluency and skills in basic arithmetic and mental calculations. We will continue to monitor closely and plan our curriculum to cover any key skills or learning from previous years which the children are not secure with due to lockdowns.

RE – This year in RE we are investigating the question 'Who shall we follow?' During the autumn term we focus on Christianity and consider the questions: 'What makes a good leader?', 'What does it mean to be inspired?' and 'How have some people served God?'

Science, history and geography - We are continuing to develop our use of the 'CUSP' curriculum and using these materials to support teaching and learning in science, history and geography. During the autumn term in history we will learn about Britain in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and develop our art skills through 'prehistoric art'. In science we will learn about rocks and soils and start our learning about animals including humans. We will be undertaking fieldwork in geography focussing on physical and human features of our

PSHE, computing, French and music - We have already begun our work in PSHE (personal, social and health education) about 'being me in my world' and will move onto 'celebrating difference in the second half of the autumn term. In music we use the Charanga resource which in autumn term follows the topics 'Let your spirit fly' and 'Glockenspiel 1'. We will also be beginning to learn the recorder and will send more information out about this nearer the time. In computing we will be coding and focussing on online safety. In Year 3 the curriculum also includes French which we have already started.

PE – our PE day is Friday. We will be focusing on multi-skills, netball and yoga during our PE lessons this term. On Fridays the children come to school in their PE kit and stay in their kit all day. If it's raining they may wish to come in normal shoes/boots and put their PE trainers/pumps in their bag. Your child should have their hair tied back if it is long and they should come into school without earrings on PE days. If earrings cannot be taken out for any reason can you please make sure they bring tape in to cover them.

We hope you have found this helpful, if you think there is anything we have missed that you would like to know about, please let us know. The Year 3 team