



## Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 3! I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing Summer holiday and the children are ready for an action-packed and exciting term. Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Ross and I are all looking forward to a fantastic and successful year with the children. This half term our value is COMMUNITY and after half term our value will be PEACE.

### English

Our English lessons will centre around a variety of high quality texts, which will enable the children to explore a vast range of genres and concepts. In addition to reading and writing, English will be taught through a range of different medias (drama, art and role play). There will be many an opportunity for the children to perform! In addition, there will also be a focus on grammar and punctuation and applying this to reading and writing, this will be done during English lessons and through Guided Reading sessions. This term, our focus will be improving our confidence with spelling and using a wider range of vocabulary to ensure that our writing is the best it can be! All children are expected to read regularly at home and we ask that yellow reading diaries live in book bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. Please can the children write their own comments on what they have read, and please do ensure these are signed regularly. These will be checked weekly.

### R.E

This will be taught across the school on Tuesday afternoons. This half term the children will be learning about Hinduism, in particular, the daily practices and what life is like as a Hindu. After half term, we will be thinking about what being a Christian really means and thinking about the true meaning of Christmas.

### PPA

My weekly non-contact time will be on a Friday. The children will be taken swimming in the morning by Mrs Lane and Miss Wilkinson. In the afternoon, the children will have an Art, PSHÉ or P4C session led by Mrs Lane.

### Maths

We will start the term by extending our knowledge and recapping place value and our number bonds. These are a key mathematical skill and plays an extremely important role in helping the children to understand and progress in other areas of number. We will also be focusing on adding and subtracting numbers up to 200 mentally and using the inverse to check our answers. Through the year, the children will continue to recap their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and will begin to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please practise these at home. A multiplication grid will be stuck into the children's homework books for their use. We will also be focusing on applying the knowledge and methods taught during maths lessons, using word problems, challenges and setting up role plays; the children will be able to apply their learning to real life examples and explain how they know an answer is correct.

### Science

During our first half term, our topic will be '**Animals including Humans**'. The children will learn to identify that all animals need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food. They will also learn the function of skeletons and muscles. After half term, our topic will be '**Forces and Magnets**'. The children will be able to compare how objects move on different surfaces, notice that some forces need contact between objects and observe how magnets attract and repel each other.

### Homework

The children will each have a homework book, which they can decorate in any way they like. Homework will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. We will have a weekly spellings test on Friday afternoons.

### P.E

On Wednesday afternoons the children will have P.E with Mr Smith and myself. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow T-shirts and trainers (no plimsols). Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. P.E. kits should be brought to school on Monday and will be sent home on Thursday for washing. On a Friday morning, children have swimming lessons. For these lessons the children need a named towel, swimming costume and swimming cap in a named bag. The children may bring goggles, but these are optional. The children will be provided with a snack but if you would like to provide your child with a healthy snack, they are often pleased to have this after swimming. P.E is a very important part of the curriculum and it is vital that the children bring in full kit. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know.

### Uniform

Please check that ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags, are clearly labelled to help them become more responsible and independent. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Please ensure your child has a winter coat during the colder months.

### Expressive Arts

This term the children will focus on developing their drawing and painting skills, linking to our Ancient Egypt topic. This will include, looking at texture, shadow and tone. We will also be looking at mixing colours, the connotations of colours and creating a colour wheel to help the children to use colour to create the desired mood. The children will focus on creating a pattern through the environment around them and through learning about Ancient Egyptian art. Music this term will focus on learning how to play the recorder in the style of Ancient Egyptian music. In French, we will be learning numbers, family names, stationery and colours.

### And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak me more privately, please let me know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Autumn term.

Miss Mitchell - Year 3 Class Teacher

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term our topic is Ancient Egypt! The children will be learning about the geography of Egypt, in particular the importance of the River Nile, where the Pyramids of Giza are and other important areas of historic significance. The children will also be learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun, creating their own version of his Death Mask and will learn to write sentences in Hieroglyphics. In the next few weeks the children will be bringing home their own mummified apple, which we have started to mummify using similar techniques to the Egyptians. We will also be making bread using an Ancient Egyptian recipe. If you have any special knowledge or expertise in Ancient Egyptian, please feel free to let me know!

### Philosophy and PSHE

We encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. We will continue to teach Philosophy for Children to facilitate critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills across the curriculum. Mrs Lane will also be teaching P.S.H.E on a Friday.

### Dates to remember:

- 21.9.17 - Meet The Teacher
- 3.10.17 - Harvest Service (9.30am)
- 16.10.17 to 20.10.17 - Working Week
- 23.10.17 to 27.10.17 - Half term
- 28.11. 17 to 30.11.17 - Parents evening (3.30-6pm)
- 19.12.17 - Christmas Service (9.30am)
- 21.12.16 - Last day of term