

# Autumn Term Class Newsletter

## Mrs Evans' class.

### **A note from Mrs Evans**

Wow... What a fantastic first week back we've had in year 3! I know the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 is a big step but the children have shown how they are more than ready to be in the juniors. They have settled into our class routines very well and have shown themselves to be a sociable, friendly and hardworking class. I'm very much looking forward to a positive and productive first term, ready to achieve the high expectations we set ourselves. The children are so excited to start their swimming lessons, I can't wait to see how they progress over the year. Here's to a fabulous autumn term in Year 3 😊

### **English**

This term we will study the text, 'Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura where we will research and write persuasive leaflets for the Magura Caves, whilst also focusing on descriptive and narrative writing features. We will also study a range of poetry using, 'The Tear Thief', by Carol Ann Duffy as our stimulus.

### **We are reading ...**

'The Train to Impossible Places' by P.G Bell.

### **Maths**

Our focus for this term is working on place value, including numbers to 1000, representing numbers in different ways and finding 1/10/100 more/less. We will also look at the four operations- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Throughout the term we will be consolidating 2x, 5x and 10x multiplication and division facts. As the term progresses, we will focus on the 3x, 4x and 8x tables

### **Science**

In science, we will begin the autumn term by exploring forces and magnets, exploring how magnets can attract and repel each other. We will also study 'light and shadows' before moving onto 'electricity', where we will construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts!

### **History**

In history this term we are deepening our understanding of the Stone Age period, through to the Iron Age. Our lessons will be focused on the concepts of food and farming and settlements during this time. We also be looking at artefacts from these periods of history and what they tell us about the way people lived during this time and how life improved. We will then explore the impact of the Romans on life in Britain.

### **Geography**

This term in geography we are advancing our map skills by labelling the tropics, equator and western and eastern hemispheres. We will learn what the prime meridian is and be able to locate it. We are going to focus on the continent of Europe and rivers. The children will be able to mark the routes of five primary rivers in Europe on a map and label them.

### **Other curriculum information:**

#### Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday and should be returned before the following Friday. The homework will always be linked to something we are studying in class.

#### Home Reading

Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read and need to be in school every **Tuesday** to be checked by Miss Aspinall.

#### TT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

Children are expected to complete 20 minutes of TT Rockstar games which will be set each week.

Spellings will be given out every Tuesday for a spelling test the following Monday and will follow the rule we have been learning in class. **The pass mark is 7/10.**

### **Other curriculum information**

**Skills Builder-** Our skills this term are staying positive and team work. The children will complete tasks that will support them to develop these skills and be given opportunities in lessons to exercise them.

**Art and Design-** This term, we will be developing our drawing and painting skills as we learn about the post- impressionist artist 'Paul Cezanne'. We will explore 'Still life' drawing and create our own piece of art work inspired by Cezanne, using both different grades of pencils and paint. In DT we will be designing and creating a torch.

**Computing –** This term Y3 will be exploring programming using the program Scratch, where they will create their own animation and game using their coding and programming skills. We will also be learning about the importance of keeping our personal information safe when using the internet and how not everything online is always factual.

**PSHE –** 'Managing different relationships' is the focus of our PSHE lessons this term as well as discussing both cyber and verbal bullying and how we can challenge these issues that arise in society.

**PE-** In Y3 the children will go **swimming** every **Monday**. Children should wear their PE kits to school (navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and white t-shirt) and bring with them their swimming costume/trunks and a towel.

**RE –** During the first half term, we will explore the question, 'What makes some books sacred?' where we will learn about why holy books are so important and in the second half term we will learn about the concept of 'Incarnation' as part of our topic Christmas: God with us.

**Music-** Music lessons for Y3 this term focus on learning to play the glockenspiel!

**French-** Children will begin their autumn term learning in French by introducing themselves, talking about themselves and learning basic greetings.

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