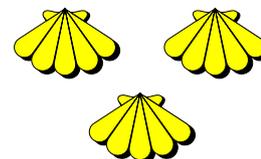


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Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new another school year and I hope that the holiday was an enjoyable one. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In English, we will be working in blocks to develop our skills in writing narratives in the form of fables; recount and instructional writing. Children will get the chance to perform and write their own play scripts later on in the term. Alongside the writing focus we will also be enjoying our class book, 'The Legend of Spud Murphy' by Eoin Colfer. The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be weekly handwriting and spelling/phonics lessons. The children will continue to have weekly **spelling** tests. The spellings will be given out each **Wednesday**. The children will then need to bring in their spelling book for the following **Monday**, so that they can be tested on their spellings.

In Maths, we will be reading and writing whole numbers to at least 1000 in figures and words. We will develop strategies to count on and back in repeated steps. We will also deepen our knowledge on number patterns, comparing and ordering numbers and place value. We will develop our skills in the addition and subtraction of numbers using formal written methods as well as applying the calculation skills in problem solving. We will recall multiplication facts of at least the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, and 10x tables.

In Science, we will be learning about rocks and soils. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. The children will also get the chance to learn about different types of fossils and how they are formed. We will find out all about the life of Mary Anning and learn about how she discovered fossils. Later in the term, we will study the topic, 'Forces and Magnets' and explore how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

In History, we will learn about the prehistoric era covering the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will discover how the early humans lived. We will know where the Stone Age gets its name and which tools were crucial to the survival of early man. Later in the topic, children will get the chance to make their own stone age jewellery! The children will also take part in a 'Farmers Day' at Celtic Harmony Camp which is an excellent opportunity for the children to gain hands on experience of how the Celts traded.

In Computing children will (a) Plan and create an animation to convey an idea/message and (b) Create digital image/s to convey the same idea/message using Pivot animator. After completing the two projects children



will compare both projects, considering how well each communicates the central idea/message. The children will also develop their skills in using different applications on the iPad.

In R.E. we will be studying Christianity and Islam; focusing on stories of authority, sources of wisdom and ways of describing God. As we approach Christmas, we will also be looking at the Christian concepts of 'Incarnation'.

In P.E. we will be doing outdoor games which will be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Please also ensure that your child has a blue tracksuit if it is slightly wet and cold. Please tie hair back and remove earrings. The children will be swimming for 4 weeks starting on 29th September. More details later.

We will be learning French each week for half an hour using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well investigating French culture.

English and maths **home learning** will be given out on **Friday** and needs to be returned on the following **Wednesday** please. If your child is finding the home learning too difficult they are very welcome to speak with me and I will go through it with them. I must stress also the need to practise times tables regularly. Children will have regular times table quizzes in class. Also please carry on reading with your child each night - minimum of 5 times a week please. It really does make a difference especially when you discuss the meaning of the text with your child.

Please remind your child to bring on a water bottle with a **lift up lid**, as it is not always possible to go to the water fountain in school. Please ensure that toys are not brought into the school.

I would also be grateful if you could continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day.

If you ever have anything that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutual time to meet.

I look forward to a great term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cox.

