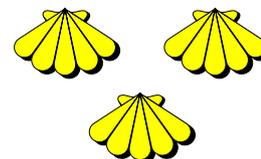


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Autumn Newsletter Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! My name is Miss Sadler and I will be your child's Year 3 teacher. Mrs Elwood will be our class TA and will be working to support the learning of your child. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to getting back to normal!

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, 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King, which links to our History topic - The Stone Age. 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 spelling tests based on the spelling pattern we are learning.

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, 8x and 10x tables.

In Science, we will be learning about rocks and soils. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on 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 'Animals including humans'.

In History, we will learn about the prehistoric era covering the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will learn all about how early man survived in very different world to the world we live in today. 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 as well as exploring different techniques in art to produce cave paintings. 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 be exploring the importance of online safety. Alongside this, they will be looking at basic coding and the creation of spreadsheets.

In R.E. we will be studying Christianity. We will be 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 Geography we will be looking at the climate and weather, our world and coasts. We will be studying climate zones, changes in temperature, time zones and coastal features. We will be analysing the following question: Why is climate important?

In Art this term, we will be focusing on the skill of drawing. We will be exploring the works of Picasso and creating our own surrealist pieces of artwork. For our DT unit, we will be sewing using a range of stitches and materials.

In PSHE, we will be celebrating what makes us different and understanding our place and importance in the classroom, school and global community.

In Music, Mrs Earl will be teaching the children how to play the recorder. Please purchase a recorder at your earliest convenience. Please send your child in with this every Thursday and ensure it is clearly labelled.

In P.E. we will be learning about outdoor games and dance which will be on **Tuesdays** 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 remove earrings and provide a named water bottle. Items of clothing are often lost or mislaid when changing for PE. We would therefore be grateful if you could regularly check all of your child's clothing (school uniform and PE items) to make sure their name is clearly marked.

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

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and due back the following Wednesday. The focus for homework will be a times tables task, a spelling rule task and reading. In addition, the children will be set half-termly projects, which will be based on topics being studied at school. I will give more information on these nearer the time. The children may have additional homework to support their learning.

Please remind your child to bring on a water bottle with a **lift up lid**.

Please provide your child with fresh fruit or vegetables for snack each day.

Please feel free to contact me via the office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sadler
Class Teacher

