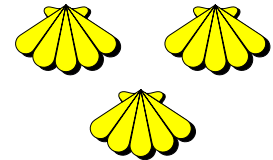


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Autumn Newsletter

Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to watching your child progress throughout the year! I am looking forward to being your child's Year 3 teacher. Mrs Burr will be our class TA and will be working to support the learning of your child.

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 explore persuasive writing and report writing later in the term. Alongside the writing focus, we will also be enjoying the following class books: 'Greta and the Giants', 'The Pebble in my Pocket', 'Leon and the Place Between' and 'Twas the Night before Christmas'. The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be daily handwriting and weekly spelling/phonics lessons. The children will continue to have spelling tests based on the spelling pattern we are learning and their common exception words.

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 animals including humans and plants. The children will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types & amount of nutrition, they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. They will also explore how humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. In our unit on plants, the children will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants. They will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth and compare how they vary. Finally, they will investigate ways in which water is transported within plants and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

In History, the children will study the cultural and technological advances made by our ancestors as well as understanding how historians think Britain changed throughout the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. Archaeological history guides us to know how early humans were creative, innovative and expert at surviving in changeable environments.



In Geography, we will be exploring Ordnance survey maps and taking part in fieldwork. In particular, we will be looking into the following questions: What is an Ordnance Survey map? How does scale change the way we describe a place? What's the area like just beyond the school? What's the area like beyond our region?

In Computing, children will be exploring the importance of online safety. Alongside this, they will be looking at touch typing 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 P.E. we will be doing Tag Rugby and Tri Golf 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 your child's clothing (school uniform and PE items) to make sure their name is clearly marked.

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.

In Art, we will be exploring 3D sculpture and abstract shape. Within this unit, the children will try out different ways to make card shapes three dimensional, e.g. folding and curving the card or joining the flat shapes together. They will make a structure that holds its 3D shape and explain in simple terms the difference between 2D and 3D art. As a result of this, they will combine shapes together to make an interesting free-standing sculpture.

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. A piece of homework will be completed in their homework book and another will be placed on J2E to complete online. In addition, the children may 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**.

I would also be grateful if you could continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day as this is no longer provided in KS2.

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

Just a reminder that we have a meet the teacher meeting on Thursday 14th September at 2.45 should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sadler

Class Teacher

