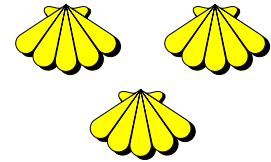


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## Spring Newsletter

Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable new year. 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 instructional writing, first person narratives and explanation texts. Children will get the chance to perform and write their own Haiku, Tanka and Kenning poem throughout the term. Alongside the writing focus, we will also be enjoying the following books: 'Sam Wu is not afraid of the dark' and later in the term, 'Operation Gadgetman'. Alongside this, we will also be exploring 'Stig of the Dump' (a particular favourite amongst previous year groups). 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. Our grammar focus for this half term: Subordinate clause, prepositions, Fronted adverbials, imperative verbs, adverbs, paragraphs, atmosphere, speech and purpose.

In Maths, we will be focusing on our multiplication facts. We will be working with the formal written method for multiplication and division. We will be exploring how our multiplication facts support our division facts. Alongside this, we will be finding a fraction of a number, adding fractions and subtracting fractions. Additionally, we will be ordering and comparing these fractions. By the end of Year 3, your child should know **at least** their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 & 11 times tables. As much as we learn and cement these in class, it is very important to practise these at home. This term, our class focus will be our 8 times tables. Where possible, please encourage your children to practise on J2Blast or Purple Mash to prepare them for the Year 4 times tables test.

In Science, our next unit will be light. Children will work scientifically on a variety of quick challenges and longer tasks to learn about the wonders of light, reflections and shadows. Your child will also learn about how dangerous the sun can be. They will also learn about the best ways to protect themselves whilst outside. After half term, we will be exploring rocks which will link to our previous History unit. Your child will explore the formation of rocks and fossils. They will also compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties.

In Computing, the children will be exploring the ins and outs of forming emails. The children will think about different methods of communication and learn how to open and respond to an email using an address book. Within this, they will learn how to use emails safely and add an attachment to an email. Alongside this, the children will begin to explore coding.

In R.E, we will be studying Hinduism with the overall exploration of the question '*Why does a Hindu want to collect good karma?*'. After half term, the children will revisit Christianity and question whether the cross is a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for Christians.

In Geography, we will be looking at the UK. This unit will teach the children to name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom. We will look at the geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics. Alongside this, we will explore the key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers). Following this, the children will be using OS maps and participating in fieldwork.

In Art this term, we will be linking our History topic to recognise the processes involved in creating prehistoric art. The children will be able to explain approximately how many years ago prehistoric art was produced and use simple shapes to build initial sketches. They will also use charcoal and a range of materials to recreate the style of cave artists. For DT, the children will be exploring the digital world.

In PSHE, we will be exploring the dreams and goals of ourselves and others around us. Your child will be taught to respect the variety of aspirations in our class and to value the goals of other children.

In Music, we will be teaching Reggae and exploring music which represents kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance & happiness.

In P.E, we will be focusing on asymmetry, symmetry and swimming. PE will take place 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 / black tracksuit if it is slightly wet and cold. Please remove earrings and provide a named **PLASTIC** water bottle. Swimming will begin on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

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. Our focus this term will be musical instruments and fruits and vegetables.

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and is due back the following Wednesday. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables daily and is reading daily. It would benefit their learning to be questioned on their book and given the opportunity to discuss words which they do not understand. 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 in a plastic water bottle with a **lift up lid**. Bottles should contain water only for throughout the day.

Please provide your child with fresh fruit or vegetables for snack each day as this is no longer provided in KS2.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Sadler**  
Green Class teacher