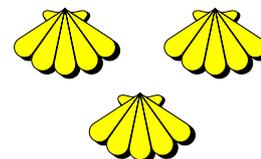


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Autumn Newsletter Year 3 - Green Class

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 Burr 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 watching your child progress throughout the 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 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 our class book, 'The legend of Spud Murphy' and 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat'. 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, your children will work scientifically on a variety of quick challenges and longer tasks to learn about food and their bodies. This topic looks at where animals get food from and why it is important, and skeletons, muscles and joints. After half term, we will be exploring plants. Children will learn about the different parts of plants, what plants need to live, water transportation in plants and pollination.

In History, we will learn about our local area and we will discuss why our local history is important. We will consider which local buildings are of significance and why they should be preserved. They



will conduct their own research, using sources including recommended websites, history books, street directories and census returns. We will also explore the work of Sir Fredrick Gibberd.

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 P.E. we will be doing outdoor games and Tri-Golf which will be on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. 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 for half an hour using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well as investigating French culture.

In Art, we will be Exploring two of the formal elements of art: shape and tone; children find shapes in everyday objects; use shapes as guidelines to draw accurately from observation; create form and shape using wire and practice shading neatly and from light to dark.

Homework be will 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 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**.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sadler
Class Teacher

