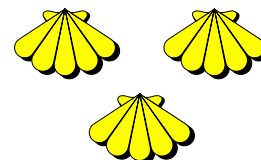


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## Autumn Newsletter 2016

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; information writing through History links as well as recounts and performance poetry. Later in the term we will develop our skills in writing recounts and instructions. Alongside the writing focus we will also be enjoying books by our class author, Roald Dahl and concentrating on our story structure and punctuation. The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be weekly handwriting and spelling/phonics lessons. We look forward to having an author share their book with us in October and doing some writing activities and to celebrate Roald Dahl Day and poetry week during the term.

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 addition, subtraction, multiplication and division 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. We will be continue to use Singapore maths workbooks to develop maths and 'Maths of the Day' to encourage active maths.

In Science we will be learning about magnets and springs giving children experience of forces, including attraction and repulsion between magnets, compression and stretching of springs and stretching of elastic bands. They learn that these forces have direction and can vary in size. They also learn which materials are attracted to magnets. We will also be learning about rocks and soils and the properties of each.

In Geography we will be learning about the coast of the British Isles. Children will consider some of the advantages and disadvantages of living by the coast. Throughout the unit they will also be introduced to some contrasting coasts around the world, extending their coastal and locational knowledge.

In History children will investigate the lives, challenges and achievements of the Romans in Britain. We will also go on a class trip to Colchester Castle to further enrich our understanding of Roman Britain.



In ICT 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. 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 and ways of describing God. We will also be looking at the Christmas message.

In P.E. we will be doing outdoor games which will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts or skorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Please also ensure that your child has a blue tracksuit if it is slightly wet and cold. We will also be having a visit from a GB athlete and have a chance to do a sponsored activity. We will also have a fruit workshop organised by Herts Catering.

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

This term your child will have spellings each week relating to ones we are learning in class. Those children not achieving at least 8/10 each week will join the spelling club that week to secure their learning so please help your child learn them at home. This will be recorded on the homework sheet along with other homework which will be sent home Monday and due back in on Friday. Also please carry on reading with your child each night - at least 5 times a week please. It really does make a difference especially when you discuss the meaning of the text with your child. Literacy homework will focus on a reading or writing task for each week.

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 continue to provide your child with fresh fruit or vegetables for snack each day. Please be advised that toys are not to be brought into the school.

I am sure that you will support your child in the best way, but if there are any problems please do not hesitate to contact me.

Just to inform you that I will be away next week (from 12/9) with Indigo class at Kingswood. The children will be taught by Mrs Sagers and Mrs Collins.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Rall  
Class teacher

