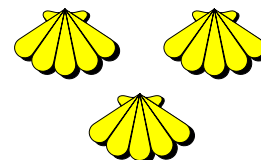


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## Autumn Newsletter Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday. 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, recounts 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. We would like the children to work on their reading books 5 times a week. Please remember to sign the reading record book each time. Children can also access books on Bug Club and these can be written in their reading record and count towards their count of 5 times a week. Those children reading 5 times or more a week will be rewarded with an extra 5 minutes playtime on a Friday. They are all in house point teams now too so lots of rewards are also available for great reading.

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, 'Forces and Magnets' and explore how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

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 plan and create an animation and create digital images using Pivot animator. 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 iPads.

In R.E. we will be studying Christianity and Islam; 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 outdoor games and dance which will be on **Mondays** 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.

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

The children will have a Music lesson once a week with Mrs Earl.

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**, as it is not always possible to go to the water fountain in school. Please ensure that toys are not brought into the school.

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,

**Mrs Moulsher**  
Class Teacher/Deputy Head

