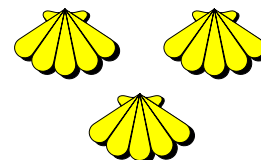


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## Spring 2022 Newsletter

### 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 developing our skills in writing narratives in the form of traditional tales. The children will be exploring a range of explanation texts and writing their own based on their individual interests. Children will get the chance to perform and write their own poetry later on in the term. 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 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. Also, 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 are learning and cementing these in class, it is very important to practise these at home.

In Science, we will be learning about light. Children will work scientifically on a variety of quick challenges and longer tasks to learn about the wonders of light, including reflections and shadows. 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 the prehistoric era covering the Bronze Age to the Iron Age. In this unit, the children will explore the key features of these Ages, and come to conclusions about the developments within the periods. Links will be made to the Stone Age period, which they studied in the Autumn term. Throughout the unit, the children will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the period, including archaeological evidence with a focus on the Amesbury Archer, the Lindow Man, Roman written accounts of the Celts and reconstruction drawings of both periods.



In Computing, children will be exploring the ins and outs of forming emails and have a go at touch-typing on both the iPad and computer. Through these touch-typing lessons, the children will learn the correct way to sit at the keyboard and how to use the home, top and bottom row keys. They will practise typing with their left and right hand. In our lessons on 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.

In RE, we will be studying Islam and looking at the beliefs within this religion. We will also be analysing the Christian concept of Salvation, specifically exploring the question 'Why do Christians call the Day Jesus died 'Good Friday?'.

In Geography we will be looking at our world. In an earlier unit, the children used several different representations of the world, or parts of it, without questioning them. In this unit, they will begin to understand the Earth better as a sphere, learning to rotate it mentally in 3D. They will explore its representation in 2D maps, and learn about the imaginary lines used (Equator, latitude, longitude, tropics and the International Date Line) to pinpoint global locations.

In Art this term, we will be focusing on painting techniques. We will explore the work of our local artist May Rivers and look into her background. The children will create their own inspired pieces of artwork. In DT this term, we will be constructing a buggy to safely transport an egg around.

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, Mrs Earl will be teaching Reggae and exploring music which represents kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance & happiness.

P.E. will be outdoor games on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. 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 water bottle. Swimming will commence after half term. Could you 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 investigating French culture.

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and due back the following Wednesday. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables and reading daily. Please question them on their book and give them the opportunity to discuss words which they do not understand.

Please remind your child to bring in a plastic water bottle with a **lift up lid** as screw top lids are often spilt. Please provide your child with fresh fruit or vegetables for snack each day.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Sadler**  
Class Teacher

