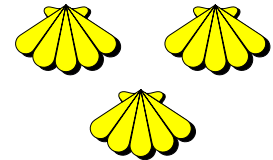


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## Spring Newsletter 2020

Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back, 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 story settings, fairy tales, explanations and poems as well as information writing. There will be weekly handwriting and spelling/phonics lessons focusing on spelling rules and the Year 3/4 spelling list. The children will continue to have whole class comprehension lessons as part of our 'ERIC' sessions and our book this term is 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat'.

In Maths, we will be continuing to improve our knowledge of written methods of all four operations, with a specific focus on multiplication and division, and to apply those skills in solving real life problems. We will be extending our knowledge of length, mass and volume. We will learn to estimate and measure in a variety of units. Children will continue to have weekly times table tests on so please keep practising at home.

In Science, we will be learning about light; recognising that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will also study natural light sources and recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object.

In History, the children will be exploring The Bronze Age to The Iron Age looking at the changes between the Stone Age and the Bronze Age, including the implications of the discovery of bronze.

In Geography, we will learn about human and physical geographical aspects of the UK. We will use maps and atlases to locate different towns and study the different features.

Art will be based on colour mixing and painting. We will be studying artwork from different artists to incorporate our colour mixing skills.

In Computing, we will be looking at how to develop our skills. We will be learning how to safely search for relevant information about our topics, edit and adapt the information and how we can best use the results. We will learn how to set up a spreadsheet with formulae to suit our task.

In R.E. we will be studying sacred places. We will look at different parts of the mosque and its significance. We will also learn about key Islamic beliefs and how Muslims pray.



In P.E, we will be doing indoor/outdoor games. This term we will be swimming on a Friday - please ensure that your child comes fully equipped for these sessions. If you have any questions about this please feel free to talk to me after school.

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

Homework will continue to be sent home on Fridays and is 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 may be set half-termly projects, which will be based on topics being studied at school.

Knowing the times tables and related division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, and 8's is a key objective for the children in Year 3, please practise these at home! Likewise, reading is vital in building writing skills. We encourage you to read/share books as much as you can at home to ensure the children have a love of books and become lifelong readers! Please spend time discussing what has been read as it is key to ensuring understanding. Sometimes a thorough discussion is just as important as hearing children read.

Please remind your child to bring in a water bottle, as it is not always possible to go to the water fountain in school. Please encourage your child to bring them home to be refreshed daily.

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.

**Mrs Moulsher**

Class Teacher/Deputy Head

