



Newsletter – Year 3 September 2020



Dear Parents

Welcome back! It is so to have a classroom full of children after such a long time. We're excited for the term ahead and all the learning that we have planned. Please be assured that we are mindful that many of the children have not been in school for a long time and may have anxieties about coming back. We will try to make sure that their transition back to school life is as smooth as possible so that they feel happy and safe.

English: On first unit focuses on the book, 'Lights on Cotton Rock' and the short Pixar film, 'Lifted'. During the term we will be revising the core grammar skills covered in Year 2 and building on these through short teaching sequences and regular writing opportunities. There will be regular spelling and handwriting lessons this term.

Maths: This term we will be teaching place value, addition & subtraction and geometry. In our place value unit we will be working on developing the children's understanding of 3 digit numbers. They will build upon this knowledge when they begin to add and subtract 2 digit numbers to 3 digit numbers later in the term.

Topic: This year we are launching our new curriculum. During the Autumn terms, across the school, our topic is Protecting Planet Earth. In Year 3 we will be answering the question, "Are Plastics ruining our planet?" Through this cross curricular topic the children will be learning about some of the environmental issues our planet is facing as well as developing a range of geographical, art and DT skills.

Science: Our topic is **light**. We will look at how light is needed to be able to see things, how shadows are made and how light from the sun can be dangerous.

Jigsaw: Initially our Jigsaw lessons are going to be focussed on the transition back to school following many months of home learning due to the Covid pandemic. We will look at how we can feel safe, discuss any concerns they might have and explore how we can feel positive about the year ahead. Later in the term we will explore the topic, 'Being Me in My World'.

In the following subjects we will be studying:

Computing – Word processing

RE – What kind of world did Jesus want?

PE – Netball and a daily run

DT – Mechanisms

French – Getting to know you

PE KIT

Year 3's PE day is a **Monday**. This year we are asking children to come in wearing their PE kit on PE days. So every Monday your child will need to come to school wearing shorts/joggers, a white t-shirt, black hoody/school sweatshirt & trainers or daps.

Homework:

Homework will be set each Monday and consist of reading, spelling & times tables.

Reading: We will need to reassess an appropriate level for your child's reading book. Please bear with us as this make take a week or two before we can send books home. In the meantime, your child will be able to choose a book to read from our class library or one from home.

Please listen to your child read at home as much as possible. We recommend at least 4 times a week for 10 minutes at a time. The children will change their books weekly. We will be running a reading incentive scheme to encourage the children to all read as regularly as possible.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home on a Monday for your child to practise throughout the week. Your support with these is greatly

appreciated. We will test the children on these spellings the following Monday.

Times Tables: We will be practising our times tables each day. Please practise with your child at home. Using TT Rockstars, will form part of your child's weekly home learning. The children will have weekly table tests. By the end of Year 3, the children should have instant recall of their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 10 times tables.

School Lunches: The children are eating in the classroom to ensure the 'bubbles' don't mix. School lunches can be ordered on the app as usual and are delivered to the classrooms. If your child chooses to have a packed lunch, please remember this **must be nut free**.

Dates to remember:

- 9th October- Harvest Festival
- WB 19th October – Wellbeing week
- 26th – 30th October – Half Term
- 2nd November – INSET day

Many thanks,

Mrs Hillocks and Miss Harriman