

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2021

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Year 3 Events for Autumn term

Year 3 Meet the Teacher (virtual)

Wednesday 15th September

National Poetry Day –

Thursday 7th October

Jungle Jonathan Visit –

Tuesday 12th October

Virtual Parent Interviews –

18th and 21st October

Inset Day –

Monday 22nd October

Inset Day –

Monday 1st November

Term ends –

Friday 17th December 1.15pm

Welcome back!

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are excited for the year ahead!

In this newsletter, we will be informing you of the curriculum and key events of the autumn term. There is lots to learn in the new classes and lots to look forward to!

General Information

Children should bring PE kits into school on PE days and will change in school.

PE days!
Please note our PE days: both classes have outdoor PE on a Monday and indoor PE on a Friday.

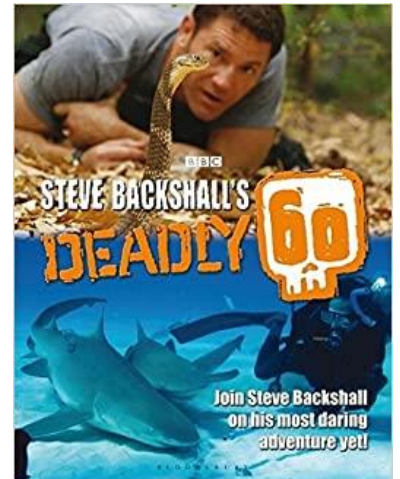
Please also ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

We will have time to visit the library once a week on Tuesday, where we will have the opportunity to return books and take out new ones. Children are allowed two books at a time. The library is also open after school for children to change books as necessary.

The children have reading diaries to record when and how much they read. Please ensure you write in your child's diary to record their reading. We ask that children read at least 4 times a week.

Autumn 1 – Deadly 60

This half term our topic is 'Deadly 60'. During this half term we are going to be learning all about the animal kingdom, big and small. We will be thinking about habitats, food chains, bodies and special abilities. We will use the internet and a wide range of texts in order to research the many different animals that exist in the global environment. Our topic 'Entry Point' will be to go on an outdoor adventure, discovering lots of different mini-beasts in the woodland area! There will also be a visit from 'Jungle Jonathan' for which there is a separate letter.



Science:

Our science work this term is also based on animals. We will be using what we have learnt about the creatures in our Deadly 60 topic in order to group and sort them according to diet, food chains and skeletal structure. We will also be looking at what makes a healthy diet.

English:

This half term we will be completing writing linked with our 'Deadly 60' topic. We will begin by writing humorous instructions on how to give a creepy crawly a bath, inspired by the text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. Then we will be creating and describing our own creatures before writing our own detailed

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non-chronological report on a fictional animal. We will be using a range of texts including 'An Anthology of Intriguing Animals' and the Deadly 60 video clips.

There will be an emphasis on ensuring handwriting is neat and that sentences are structured and punctuated correctly. Our English lessons this year will include aspects of spelling, grammar, punctuation, reading and writing.

Maths:

For the first 5 weeks of the autumn term we will begin to focus on ensuring a secure understanding of number and place value as the children start to work with numbers between 100 and 1000. We will then move on to looking at understanding addition and subtraction and strategies to support these, before we introduce multiplication and division.

To support the curriculum at home, please encourage your child to regularly learn number facts by heart, particularly the multiplication tables. Please also discuss clocks with your child (analogue and digital) and encourage them as often as possible to read the time for you.

Art:

In art, we will be improving our art and design techniques, including drawing, printing, painting and collaging with a range of materials. Our focus will be on creating our own artwork inspired by Lucy Arnold.

Music:

We will be creating our own wild creature soundscape, using percussion instruments and our voices.

PE:

In outdoor games, we will be learning skills and tactics for football in autumn 1, and netball in autumn 2. We will also have indoor sessions each week where the children will learn and create a gym or dance routine.

Computing:

This half term we are learning about animations using Pivot to make a stop-go animation, as well as using 2Create a Super Story to explore sound effects and animating characters for a story.

RE:

In the first half term we will be looking at making choices, with a focus on Hinduism and Diwali, with light and as a symbol.

Autumn 2 - Wonderful Winchester

In the second half term, we are going to be learning all about the history of Winchester and our local area. Although the topic has a history focus, we will also be looking at some geographical features and maps.



English:

We will be working towards creating our own tourist guide for Winchester, using the book 'A Walk In London' for inspiration. We will apply our computing skills to conduct research.

Science:

Our science topic will be Light and Shadows. We will learn about how and why shadows are created and they will measure and record shadows over a period of time to observe how they change.

History:

We will be learning about the ways that Winchester has changed over time and exploring Winchester's history in more detail.

PSHE:

Throughout the autumn term we will focus on issues including drug and alcohol abuse, and bullying.

Computing:

We will be learning about e-safety as well as understanding how to create graphics and images using 2Paint a Picture.

RE:

In the second half term, we will focus on angels and messengers as we look at different ways messages can be sent, and how in the nativity, the angels sent the messages from God.

Music:

In the second half term, we will learn about jazz music and create our own jazzy versions of jingle bells!

Google Classroom

We are continuing to use google classroom this year to set homework, children can continue to use their logins from last year. Please contact your class teacher if you have lost their password. We have set up the new year 3 classes, so when you login to your child's account there will be an invite to join their new class, please accept this to access the online learning for this year.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday, to be handed in by the following Wednesday. It will alternate between maths homework one week, then English the next. To cut down on paper, please hand in homework via google classroom by uploading photos or using the editable documents provided.

Any further dates and information will be sent to you separately. Thank you for supporting your child at home and as always if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and see one of us.

Mrs C Moore and Miss E Dabill.