

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2019

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

PE kits need to be in school all week (including trainers) and everything must be named. Outdoor games will be on Tuesday for both year 3 classes, and gymnastics and dance will be on Thursday for 3B and Friday for 3W. 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, where we will have the opportunity to return books and take out new ones. Children are allowed two books at any time. The library is also open after school for children to change books as necessary.

The children have brand new reading diaries this year 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 home every day.

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 a separate letter will follow.

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 creating and describing our own creatures before writing our own detailed 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.

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Year 3 Events for Autumn term

Jungle Johnathan Visit -
Monday 30th September

Parents Evening 1 -
Monday 21st October

Parents Evening 2 -
Thursday 24th October

PTFA Christmas Fair -
Friday 6th December

M&M Production 'Dick Wittington' -
Monday 16th December

Maths:

Across the whole 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 cricket in Autumn 1, and basketball in Autumn 2. We will also have indoor sessions each week where the children will learn and create a gym or dance routine.

Computing:

We are learning about presentations and using these to enhance our Deadly 60 reports and documentaries. Animation and databases will also be covered. We will also use Pivot to make a stop-go animation.

RE:

In the first half term we will be looking at 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 which will be enhanced by a visit to the Winchester City Museum. Although the topic has a history focus, we will also be looking at some geographical features and maps as we go on a walk of the local area.

English:

We will be working towards creating our own tourist guide for Winchester, using the book 'A Walk In London' for inspiration. We will use our local walk and museum visit to help us as well as 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.

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 2paintapicture.

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 develop our singing skills and compare cathedral and gospel choir music.

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.

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