

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

Mon, Tues and Weds – Miss Mustoe
Thurs and Fri – Miss Koza

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are feeling rested and ready to go. Our exciting topics for this term are

In **English** we will be start with narrative writing and the children will learn the structure of a story with a focus on a beginning, middle and end. We will explore and use the appropriate literary devices for narratives within our own writing and begin to develop our editing skills by reviewing what we have written.

During our **Geography** lessons we will be learning about our local area using map skills to understand how to give directions. The children will also be learning how to use a compass and develop their skills in navigating their way around both google maps and OS National grid map. By the end of the unit, Year 3 will be able to identify physical and human features in geography and how these are presented on different maps. In **History** we will be learning about Ancient Egyptians- a very exciting topic! We will look at the importance of the River Nile, daily life of Ancient Egyptians and the process of mummification as well as other aspects of the subject. Children will develop their reasoning skills by comparing Ancient Egyptians to other ancient civilizations they have previously learnt about and will consider how it compares to their own modern day lives.

In **Art** we will be begin by mastering the skill of self-portraits. Children will learn a step-by-step guide of how to use guidance lines for the face using a sketching pencil. They will have the opportunity to practice this throughout the unit. Year 3 will also be exposed to a number of artists such as Picasso, Van Gough and Silberzweig to expand their understanding of artists. By the end of the term children will use a variety of materials to create their own self-portrait, drawing on their knowledge of other artists to inform their own creations.

During our **Computing** lessons we will begin by looking at computing systems and networks where we will challenge children to develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. We will then move on to desktop publishing



PE for this term will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Upcoming Events

Monday 26th September – Harvest Festival Food Collection.

Friday 30th September – Penny Run

Monday 3rd October - Black History Day/week

Friday 7th October - Harvest festival Year 1&2 9.30am (church service)

Tuesday 18th October - Parents evening 1.30-4.30

Thursday 20th October - Parents evening 3.50-6.30

Friday 21st October - inset day

Monday 24th Oct – Friday 28th October -Half Term

Friday 11th November – Year 3 class assembly

Friday 18th November - Datchet's Got Talent

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 13th December - KS 2 Christmas Church Carol Service year 4& 5 lead 9.30

Thursday 15th December - Term ends 1.30

Friday 16th December – inset day

where they will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type.

This term Year 3 will be taught **Dance** by an external coach. These lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning. Our second PE lesson will take place on a Thursday afternoon where we will work on skills for invasion games. Please make sure your child arrives at school dressed in their PE kit on these days. We will also be using our daily mile track every day to improve our fitness!



During **Science** we will be focusing on sound.

We will be discovering how sound is made and what is vibration? Investigating how sounds travel through different materials. We will explore relationships between distance and volume. Investigate what materials are best for sound proofing. We will then move on to look at forces. We will be discovering the different affect forces have on objects such as push and pull; experimenting with a toy car going down a ramp on different surfaces, a scrapyard challenge sorting magnetic and non-magnetic materials, magnetic strengths and discovering how they can attract and repel. At the end we will consider how magnets are used in our everyday life.

In **RE**, Year 3 will be learning about Sikhism and understand what it means to belong to a community or group. They will begin by looking at the main beliefs of Sikhism and through discussion will explore how this compares to other commitments we have as individuals. We will be learning about the main beliefs within Sikhism, the holy book and place of worship for Sikhs. Throughout the unit, children will listen to traditional Sikh stories that include messages based on the fundamentals of Sikhism. Children will also develop their questioning skills during class discussions and group work allowing them to broaden their understanding of the religion itself.

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on reading and writing numbers to 1000 and recognizing the place value of each digit into hundreds, tens and ones. We will be learning mental addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers using different strategies. Children will learn to identify 3 D shapes with particular attributes. This term Emphasis will be on 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will learn to understand the concept of multiplication, division and fractions and apply this knowledge to word problems

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Activities to do at home:

Please read with your child regularly. Ask them questions to check their understanding and encourage them to re-read the book to improve fluency and accuracy. Your child will be sent home with 2 books on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework will be given on a Friday and will be collected in the following Wednesday.

Spellings – These will be set on a Friday for a test the following Friday.

Please encourage your child to practice their times tables – they will be tested on these every other Friday and complete arithmetic tests in the alternate weeks.