

September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely start to the school year and are looking forward to the term ahead. Here is some information about our curriculum this term:

### **English**

Our class texts this term include *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White and *Coming To England* by Floella Benjamin. We will use these as starting points for our reading and writing sessions. We will write a range of responses to each text. More detailed information will be given in our weekly newsletters.

Now that your child is in Year 3, the daily reading sessions are different as they will be taught a range of reading skills across the week, using a shared text introduced to the whole class. They will also have sessions of 'Reading For Pleasure' where they will read books of their choice. Your child will have a reading record book for them to use at home. This will give them the chance to write comments about what they are reading at home and at school. Your child's teacher will write back to your child once a week.

### **Maths**

Please see the weekly newsletters for details of our Maths focus. We begin the term with a focus on Place Value. This involves revisiting concepts from last year to ensure children consolidate learning before moving on to bigger numbers and new content.

### **Geography and History**

Our topic for Geography and History this term is 'Bright Lights, Big City' (a study of London). We will be building on prior knowledge of UK regions by using maps to locate countries of Europe, name and locate major cities, surrounding seas and the countries of the UK. The children will explore the importance of the River Thames and the impact on human geography of London.

We will be developing our map skills to locate London and neighbouring counties. We will focus on identifying and recognising buildings/ landmarks/ evidence of different time periods in our locality, eg Victorian, Georgian, and post-war housing, signs of industry now and in the past. We will be learning about when, where and how the Great Fire of London started, and how it changed London. We will extend our knowledge of Victorian schooling by finding out about what life was like for a child in Victorian London and the impact of the Windrush.

### **Science**

In Science, we will be studying Light as well as Forces and Magnets. This will include recognising the need for light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light, noticing that light is reflected from surfaces, and that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect your eyes.

The children will learn to compare how things move on different surfaces, notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. They will also observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

### **Art/DT**

This term the children will be developing their drawing skills, through learning how to create mark-making in pictures to achieve pattern and texture. We will also look at the work of John Constable and paint landscapes in response.

In DT, the children will use what they know about different materials to help design and make products that have moving parts such as levers and pulleys. They will develop an understanding that materials have both functional and aesthetic qualities.

### **P.E.**

Both classes will have P.E. on Friday afternoons. Both Year 3 classes will have a second session of PE which will be either swimming on Mondays or an additional session with Billy on Thursdays.

This half term, **Steph's class** will be swimming. Please see a separate letter about this. Sue and Catherine's class will have PE with Billy on Thursdays until half term.

### **Music and Spanish**

Year 3 will have music in small groups throughout the week and they will be taught Spanish on Mondays.

### **Computing**

In Computing, we will be focusing on the three main strands - IT, Computer Science and Digital Literacy across the term. Their focus in IT will be "how do digital devices work", for Computer Science they will use digital devices to build 3D models, and for Digital Literacy they will learn about the importance of device free moments and how to be a good digital citizen.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns. Our emails are:

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Many Thanks,

Steph, Catherine, Sue, Grace. Alexa and Charles