



# Class 3 Newsletter

Welcome to Key Stage 2! I hope that you enjoyed a lovely summer break and that you are excited for a new year at school!

In English this half term we will be exploring Aesop's Fables. The children will be exploring poetry and report writing as well as also creating and writing their own fables! We will be exploring grammatical features such as conjunctions as well as time connectives.

In the second half term we will be exploring *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. We will be looking at the characters such as the other giants as well as dream-making. By exploring the other giants the children will be creating their own giants and developing their descriptive writing. During this half term the children will be exploring speech punctuation, sentence structure and expanded noun phrases.

In spelling we shall be recapping Year 2 spellings as well as introducing Year 3 spellings and activities. A spelling list will be going around for each child and the Year 2 and Year 3/4 Statutory word list will be available on the website. I do ask that you practice spelling with your child and support them in learning their spellings.

In Maths this term we will concentrate initially on Place Value and expanding our understanding of 3-digit numbers, as well as exploring 4-digit numbers. Following this the children will be looking at strategies to complete addition and subtraction sums. Later in the term the children will also begin to work on multiplication and division. Alongside these topics the children are also working on their multiplication and division facts in Maths Fluency.

Our Science topic for this half term is Rocks, Fossils and Soils with a focus on how rocks are formed, identifying different types of rocks, where fossils come from, how fossils are made and what soil is made out of. Later this term the children will be learning about Light.

This term the topic is History based and focuses on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be exploring what life was like during these three periods, the resources that they had and how they differ to what we use today. We will be exploring areas such as tools, cave art and hunting during the Stone Age.

In RE this term we will be looking at Religious stories and how a person can show that they are religious through rituals such as prayer. We will be taking a multi-faith approach and will be exploring the differences and similarities between Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism. After half term we will be exploring light as a religious symbol.

In Computing we will be exploring Scratch as a medium in which to practice composition, algorithms and de-bugging. We will also be exploring E-safety during Computing and PSHCE.

In Art we will be exploring Stone Age cave art and the children will have opportunities to explore what this would have been like for the people in the Stone Age.

In Design and Technology we will be exploring dream-catchers, why they were made and how to make them. The children will then be creating our own.

PE lessons will take place on a Monday and a Friday afternoon. This half term we will be developing our football and dance skills. Please help ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day.

Ms. Dark will teach our weekly French lessons and these will take place on a Tuesday morning. The children will also be receiving Violin lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

Please read with your child as often as possible and note in their diaries when they have read to yourself or another adult. I will be collecting their reading records in every Monday. It is the children's responsibility to bring their reading record in with them ready to be checked.

Information regarding homework will be sent out shortly.

Staff in Year 3 this year include myself and Mrs Hodgkinson who will be teaching the children on Wednesday mornings. We will also be joined by Mr. Sharman as our full-time TA.

If you have any queries please make an appointment to see me.

Miss Smith