

Year 3 Autumn Newsletter



September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during an exciting and fun packed autumn term! We will have a lot of visitors, workshops, themed days and events that will really enhance the children's learning across our curriculum topics. We are looking forward to the autumn term and to more great learning ahead after the summer break.

Maths: This term, we will be developing our ability to use the four operations and apply this to one and two step word problems. It is essential that the children know their 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 times tables by this point so that by the end of the year they are confident in all of them up to the 10 times table. This will then help them as we carry out written methods for multiplication and division of 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 and 2 digit numbers. The children will find fractions of quantities and also learn how to find equivalent fractions. We will find the perimeter of shapes, convert between units of measurement and tell the time on a 12 and a 24 hour clock. We will continue to work on right angles as well as looking at other types plus use words such as horizontal, vertical, perpendicular and parallel when talking about lines. We will interpret and present data in bar charts, pictograms, line graphs and tables. Your child has been provided with access to a rich range of useful tutorials and activities which support their learning at home through:



www.mymaths.co.uk

www.educationcity.com

Please ask if you are unsure of log-in details.



English: In English, we will be looking at Greek Myths and Vesuvius. Children will continue developing their understanding of adverbial phrases, expanded noun phrases, prepositions and other grammatical features. We will also be delving into the genre of chronological reports in which we will aim for cohesion and so will use time adverbials to sequence the events and different pronouns and nouns to avoid repetition. Deepening our understanding of non-fiction further, we will explore explanation texts which explain a range of processes and will evaluate how this genre is different to giving instructions. In our poetry unit, personification, similes, metaphors, rhyme and repetition will be explored. We will also experience oral rehearsal and performance.

Science: This term we will be finding out about State of matter! We will identify and describe the functions of the different materials and explore how they can change their state. We will also set up experiments on evaporation and condensation.

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Computing: This term we will be learning about writing algorithms for our own computer game. We'll explore how emails and websites are sent safely as data packets across the world and investigate the routes the information takes. We'll look at computer networks and at how information can be sent between computers and begin to find out about computer servers and the role these play at school. As the term moves on, we'll begin to film a virtual tour of the school – editing the footage using Microsoft Movie Maker software. and fixing bugs is called 'debugging' and is something which we will be scratching our heads about as we try to overcome these errors in code!

RE: This term, we will be learning about the Creation Story. We will reflect on the Christian beliefs and values. We will reflect on the themes linked with the creation of our world and its importance. We will also be looking at another faith unit – Hinduism. We will be looking at the festival of Diwali and Hindu gods.



PSHE: We will discuss and debate issues concerning health and well-being as well as reflect on the ways in which rules and laws keep us safe. We will learn about human rights and how these apply to everybody. We will learn about different cultures and their practices and traditions; think about ways to resolve differences and reflect upon what it means to be part of a community.

Geography: We're off to Greece in Geography as we describe the physical and human features of the country.

Art and DT: Children will be designing and creating their own Greek pot using clay. They will decorate and evaluate their design.

PE: We will be problem solving and decision making as we go orienteering! We will recognise symbols on maps, use grid references and locate positions. In hockey lessons, we will practise moving, attacking and passing at different lengths and speeds. In our football sessions, we will develop awareness when in possession of the ball, use the correct part of the foot when shooting and passing, learn to use communication effectively when defending and attacking and recognise and exploit space both with and without the ball. In rugby lessons, we will look at turning and moving, passing and attacking quickly when in possession of the ball.

French: In our French lessons this term, we will be learning to talk about things which we can do using 'I can...' We will learn to talk about ourselves including how old we are, our family members, where we live and what we



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look like. You can find many fun games to practice the vocabulary we are learning at www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2french.html



Music: We will continue to learn the recorder. The children will also be practising how to write and recognise notes on a staff and how to make up their own compositions using 3 notes. They will take part in a recorder performance at the end of the term.

Homework: We would like to remind you that homework is given out every Thursday and expected to be completed by the following Tuesday. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete this in full and on time. Please also ensure your child reads at home **every day**. Children have a reading record which needs to be completed daily.

Finally, we would like to thank the children again who have all worked extremely hard during the last term! We have been truly impressed with the enthusiasm, hard work and passion which they have put into all of their subjects and are really looking forward to continuing this into the autumn term with them.

Yours sincerely,

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