

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

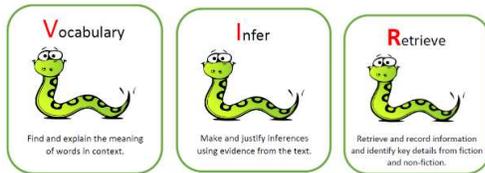
Miss Hannah, Mrs Blackwood and Miss Russell hope you have had a fun and restful summer break and are ready for the term ahead. We have lots of exciting topics to study this term.

Spelling and Reading



We have spelling lessons each Tuesday and Thursday. Children will be given new spellings each week to be practised at home. They will be tested each Friday.

The adults in our class love to read, we hope you do too. This year we will continue to use Reading Vipers to help us with our guided reading. These can be used at home when reading too. In our guided reading lessons this term we will be focusing on the vocabulary, infer and retrieve vipers.



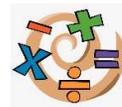
Writing



We will link our Design and Technology unit: Food- eating seasonally, to our English writing as we write our very own delectable chocolate bar recipe. Whilst reading Charlie and The Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl, we will show our understanding of the story by writing a detailed character description of the eccentric Willy Wonka and write an interview between a reporter and one of the rotten children who win the golden tickets through any means necessary.

Maths

In maths this term we will look at the place value of digits up to 1 thousand as well as the four operations: addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Pupils should continue to secure their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication and division tables, whilst learning the 3, 4 and 8s which we aim to know fluently by the end of year 3.



Science



Our science topic is 'Amazing bodies', during which we will learn to identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. We will also learn about skeletons, particularly how humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Computing

Our computing unit for autumn 1 is 'touch typing'. We will learn typing terminology, how to understand the correct way to sit at the keyboard, all about the home, top and bottom row keys and practise typing with the left and right hand.



Design & Technology



As part of our 'Food: eating seasonally' unit, we will: Explain that fruits and vegetables grow in different countries based on their climates, understand that 'seasonal' fruits and vegetables are those that grow in a given season and taste best then, know that eating seasonal fruit and vegetables has a positive effect on the environment, design their own tart recipe using seasonal ingredients, understand the basic rules of food hygiene and safety and follow the instructions within a recipe.

MFL

In French we will be looking at getting to know you, numbers and colours. We will learn to speak, write and read in French.



Geography

Where does my chocolate come from?

We will find out where half of the chocolate in the world comes from and understand climate needed for cocoa beans to grow successfully and plentifully.



What is the impact of eating chocolate on the environment?

We will use digital maps to see how land-use for mono-cocoa bean agriculture is causing deforestation.

Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Let Your Spirit Fly - an R&B song for children. Each week we listen and appraise a different song and learn to perform Let Your Spirit Fly. We will also be learning to read music and play the glockenspiel to accompany our final performance.



PE

Monday – Outdoor PE

Wednesday – Indoor PE

On PE days please wear tracksuit bottoms or shorts and an academy PE top. Don't forget to wear trainers.



Homework Project



Weekly homework will be set each Friday to be handed in the following Thursday. If children are unsure about any part of their homework, then they should ask an adult on either Monday or Tuesday so we can help them.

Remember too to hand in your holiday homework project. We are looking forward to creating a fabulous display in the classroom with these.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Hannah

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Blackwood and Miss Russell

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

Monday 5th September – Autumn Term starts

Wednesday 7th September 9am – Year 3 parents welcome meeting

Every Tuesday from the 13th of September- parents/guardians into class to read 8:30-8:50

Wednesday 12th October – Individual school photographs

Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th October – Parents' evenings

Friday 21st October – school closes for Half Term