

## Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2.

Welcome back to term 2. This newsletter details information about the second term's curriculum and what your child will be studying in the second term of Year 3. It will also give you key dates for term 2 at the bottom of the newsletter.

### **As a reminder:**

Please remember to **name** your child's school jumper or cardigan and that lower Key Stage 2 uniform is **black/grey trousers/skirt, a white polo shirt, a purple jumper/cardigan and black shoes.**

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. I look forward to working with you for the next year.

Miss Lowe

### **Spelling and Reading**

This year we will have our test spelling on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Monday. In reading we will be focusing on fluency and reading for meaning.

Our class text this term will be Charlotte's Web.



### **Writing**

In English we will be writing a fiction piece based on the novel read last term – Peter Pan. We will also be writing a non-fiction text to explain how the digestive system works (based on science lessons taught in the previous term). The children will also write an essay based on our history topic. We will be writing about what has been learnt about the ancient Egyptians from what they left behind?



### **Maths**

In maths we will continue to cover addition and subtraction. The children will build on previous learning in Year 2: In the addition and subtraction unit, the children will continue to revise number bonds, adding and subtracting 10's. They will learn to add and subtract 100's, add 1's across a ten and add 10's across a hundred. In arithmetic and fluency lessons, the focus will be practising the x10, x2, x5, x3, x4 times tables with instant recall. The children will need to recall multiplication and related division facts.



**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO TT ROCKSTARS REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES.**

### **Science**

In this unit, building on their previous knowledge of the seasons, plants and life cycles, pupils will learn about cycles in nature. They will study patterns, trends and cycles that occur throughout the seasons, in the life of plants and in the life of animals. Children will understand that the tilt of the earth creates our seasons. Children will ask and answer questions about the patterns seen in nature as the seasons change. They will look closely and observe changes in the seasons in their own environment.



### **Computing**

In computing this term we will be working on creating media - stop frame animation



## Art & Design/Design & Technology

This term we will be studying still life and form in art lessons. This unit uses still life to explore how artists use different techniques to show the form of an object. They explore what still life is and how it is a genre in art which has existed for a long time, comparing a still life painted on the walls at Herculaneum from the time of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Italy in 79 C.E. with pop art by Andy Warhol from the 1960s. The children then spend three lessons looking at the still life work of Morandi, using his work to investigate the meaning of form, and how artists use different techniques to create the illusion of three dimensions in a two-dimensional drawing.



In DT, the children will: research and investigate, design, make, use and evaluate a key ring/festive decoration for use by a member of their family at home or a friend.

## Geography/History

In geography, the sequence of lessons in this unit has been designed to build on prior knowledge and introduce new material in small manageable steps. They will learn that settlements are where people live, there are four types of settlement: hamlet, village, town and city, rural areas have low population density. Urban areas have high population density, and that large settlements today need good transport links and many services such as schools, shops and restaurants.



In history children will learn about Ancient Egypt:

- The ancient Egyptians were an ancient civilization who lived near the Nile in Egypt.
- The River Nile floods, creating fertile land to grow crops.
- Ancient Egyptian society was hierarchal, and the Pharaoh was the leader at the top.
- The Ancient Egyptians used a writing system called hieroglyphics which we have been able to translate and use to find out more about them.
- The ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses and prepared for the afterlife.
- The archaeologist, Howard Carter, discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun- a Pharaoh that was mummified.

## Music

This term we will be studying how to read the notation of one of the easy instrumental parts when playing together, time signatures, pitch and harmony in music. The children will explore singing and playing instruments together. The children will answer the social question: What Stories Does Music Tell Us About the Past?



## PE

In PE we will be exploring tennis and gymnastics. Our PE days will continue be on Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor).

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be covering the topic 'Celebrating Difference'. This topic includes lessons on respect for similarities and differences, anti-bullying and being unique.



## RE

This term we will be investigating the question: Has Christmas lost its true meaning? This is based on Christianity.



## Reminders

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following week. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

## Homework

### Homework Project

To complement our history topic, Ancient Egypt, for next term, here are some suggested ideas that the children could make: The Great Pyramid of Giza, an obelisk and tomb, an Ancient Egypt project display border or poster, or a sphinx statue made from Lego, playdough, or clay.



Dojo points will be awarded for homework projects – all children are expected to complete one of the projects and bring them into school by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. We would love to display them on our shelves in the classroom!



### 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 Lowe

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Eden

**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 when the weather is cooler, a warm, waterproof coat.

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!**

**Autumn 2**



- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School reopens for pupils
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – ‘Odd socks’ day
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 school trip to Flag Fen
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol concert 2.30pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am, & 2.30pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas session 11am
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas event 2.30pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Class parties and Santa visit
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for pupils.

