

YEAR THREE'S NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to a new school year and your child's first term in year three. I hope you all had a good summer holiday. The children have made a good start to the new term. I hope we all have an enjoyable half term and start to the new school year as we have got lots of exciting and interesting work to do.

The following is an overview of the subjects and activities we will be covering this half term.

In Literacy we will be focussing on narrative, looking at texts with familiar settings. We will also be exploring how to use information books by examining texts related to our History and Science topics (Ancient Egypt, Teeth and Healthy Eating).

In addition to this, the children will be developing handwriting skills, spelling strategies and understanding the use of grammar. This will include looking at the function of verbs and punctuation of sentences.

As always, reading is a huge support to the aspects of literacy we will be studying this half term. Therefore it is important that the children are encouraged to read at home. Your child should be heard read every day at home, or as much as possible, by an adult. The children will be regularly taking home reading books. Please read with your child, encouraging them to sound out the words and discussing with them what the text is about.

In Maths we will begin by developing mental calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. We will then progress on to examining problems involving money and other units of measurement, including time, length and weight.

Our topic for Science this term is teeth and healthy eating. Work in this unit should reinforce and develop children's knowledge of their personal health by considering what is a healthy diet and how we should care for our teeth. This unit will include investigations into food groups, animals' diets and the functions of different teeth.

In ICT we are looking at graphics of different texts and learning how to change the font, style, colour and size of writing.

In History we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians and in particular looking at artefacts and sources from the time. We will be exploring aspects of Ancient Egyptian life including their homes, tombs, pyramids and burial sites.

In PE we will be playing ball games and children will be developing their throwing and catching skills.

PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons so on these days the children will need to bring appropriate PE clothing like shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a T-shirt or a jumper and trainers.

In Art, the children will be drawing and painting portraits, paying particular attention to extra detail in their paintings.

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism and developing children's knowledge and understanding of Hindu beliefs and what it means to be a Hindu.

In PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education) we will be doing some work on a theme called 'New Beginnings'. The theme offers children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community, and to contribute to creating a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for everyone.

In Music we will be taking part in a year long workshop during which your child will learn to play a musical instrument. We will also be learning a range of class songs this term.

Every Thursday your child will have homework sent home. Homework will be a piece of literacy and a piece of numeracy work to be completed at home with support from you. The work given out will be based on what we have already covered in class. Homework will need to be handed in on the following Tuesday at the latest.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions, concerns or problems please do not hesitate to come and see me. I will usually be available between 3:30 and 4:00 if required on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Kind Regards,

Ann-Katrin