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### Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a brilliant summer break. It's lovely to be back in school and to see all of the children, who have settled into their new classroom very well. I have really enjoyed getting to know each child over our first week together in school. With your support, I am confident that we can continue to make sure that the children make fantastic progress this academic year.

#### English

The English curriculum places high emphasis on the enjoyment of reading. As you know, regular reading has a huge impact on a child's progress and your support is always greatly appreciated in making sure that your child meets the expectation of reading every night. Please share a book with your child every night. Please take the time to talk to them and ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding. The school expectation is that children will read and have their learning journal signed every night.

Your child has access to Rising Stars Reading at school and home. This program really helps to support the children's progress in reading. It is expected that children complete at least one book a week.

**Please ensure your child brings their reading book and record to school each day.**

Both <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbf4j/articles/zbm8scw> have some fantastic games and other resources that your child can access at home to further reinforce their learning in school.

Work on grammar, punctuation and spelling is a very important part of the English curriculum and the expected level of spelling is very high. Spelling practice will form part of the children's homework and we will complete a spelling test every Friday. In class we will work on a group of spellings each week. Repetition is key! Please find the Year 3/4 key words spelling list in your child's Learning Journal. These are common words, which the children are expected to know in addition to the curriculum requirements.

We will continue to build on the writing skills your child learned in year 2, consolidating the use of key punctuation marks to ensure that all sentences are punctuated correctly. We will learn how to punctuate speech and to use paragraphs to organise our writing throughout the Autumn Term.

#### Maths

We will continue to build on the knowledge gained in Year 2 throughout this term. We will begin with a focus on number and place value, working with 3-digit numbers and finding 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a given number. We will also learn to compare and order numbers up to 1,000. There is a real focus placed on developing times table knowledge in Year 3, and we will be working on consolidating knowledge of our times tables throughout the entire year. We will begin by consolidating the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables that children learned in Year 2, before moving on to learning the 4 and 8 times tables. The children will be able to practice their tables using Times Tables Rock Stars,



which will form part of their homework, as will Mathletics, where children will be set tasks that directly relate to the learning they will have completed in school that week.

Any support at home to reinforce the learning in school would be greatly appreciated. Please look at the Maths page within the Curriculum section on the school website where you will find videos to support you with this.

**PLEASE REMIND CHILDREN THAT THURSDAY IS HOMEWORK DAY, WHEN ALL TASKS SET FOR THAT WEEK WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED.**

### Science

This half term we will be learning all about light and shadows, and will investigate how light travels and how shadows form and change. The children will also learn the importance of protecting their skin and eyes from the Sun. Next half term we will be learning about forces, including observing how magnets repel or attract each other and how friction affects an object's movement on a range of different surfaces. Additionally, we will be learning to work scientifically when completing and recording our own practical experiments and learning how to make a fair test.

Our **History** topic for this half term is the Stone Age, which will give us lots of exciting opportunities to explore the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras, and to discover how life changed between these three periods. The BBC website [The Stone Age – Years 3/4 and P4/5 History Collection - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#) has some fantastic clips for your child to explore the Stone Age further, with great quizzes for the children to check and consolidate their learning.

In the second half of Autumn term, our **Geography** topic will focus on the Alpine Region. We will build on locational knowledge, using maps to locate the Alps, before moving on to learn about the physical and human features of this region. We will compare life for people who live in this region to our own lives, and will learn all about the positive and negative impacts that tourism can have.

In **R.E**, we will be looking at the Creation story and the key messages that Christians learn from this part of the Bible. We will also be learning about Incarnation, and will look in detail at the Christian concept of the Holy Trinity.

In **PHSE**, we will be learning about relationships. We will learn about different types of families, including single parents, same-sex parents, step-parents, foster/adoptive parents and blended families, using a range of lovely stories to explore these. We will also learn about respecting ourselves and others, and will relate this to understanding the effects and consequences of bullying and keeping safe online.

**P.E** will initially be on Tuesday and Friday. We ask that you send in a P.E kit and leave it in school until half term to avoid children forgetting it. Please can you ensure all uniform and P.E kit is named clearly. Children with pierced ears should only wear studs and should not wear these on PE days for health and safety reasons.

We are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September (3:25 - 4:00) if you would like to drop in and say hello or have a look around you' child's new classroom. It will be an opportunity for us to talk about the upcoming year and for me to answer any questions you might have. I am always in the playground after school for quick questions or I can be reached on Class Dojo. Please arrange an appointment for anything that needs a longer chat.

I am very much looking forward to having the opportunity to teach your children this year, and am sure that, with your continued support, your child will continue to make super progress.

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