



Welcome to your first term!

"The more that you **read**, the more things you will know. The more that you **learn**, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss

Term 1a - Autumn

by Mrs Bradwell

Welcome to (or back to) Class 3. I am so pleased to inform you; that everyone is settling back into school with a positive and mature attitude.

I have included an outline of the curriculum for this half term for your child.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Thursday, which will include spellings, reading and a maths activity linked to learning in school that week. Weekly spellings will be set as part of homework; the spelling lists for this term can be found in the front of your child's homework book. It would be very beneficial to your child to support them when practising their spellings each week. Every Monday, the children will be tested on these spellings, before they are taught the new spelling rule for that week. Children will also complete a dictation activity and bonus points will be awarded for extra spellings found that follow the weekly spelling rule.

School diaries will be issued soon and reading books will be changed once a week, it would be very helpful to send books back on time so we can ensure your child is making progress. **The impact of regular reading at home on children's progress cannot be underestimated.** I have asked the children to take an active role in their reading this year and to make additional comments (to yours) in their diary to reflect on their reading and progress at home and in school. I am very pleased that the children will have the opportunity to visit the school library again and select a book of their choice to enjoy reading during school time.

Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of numeracy. There will be a big focus on number and place value which will include some practical activities, working outdoors and problem solving. Please make sure your children know their number bonds to 20 as they will be tested on this weekly. We will also solve problems involving all four operations, using maths in real life contexts. There will also be a big emphasis on times tables - more information to follow.

English

Over the next few weeks we will be reading *The Barnabus Project* by The Fan Brothers and *How to Grow and Eat Monster Vegetables* by M P Robertson. The stories are about following dreams and celebrate bravery and diversity. The key areas of focus will be descriptive writing and the children will be encouraged to use their imagination to create magical creatures. The children will also be introduced to the class topic Stone Age and will read *Stone Age Boy* Satoshi Kitamura. The story explores what it would be like to travel in the past and live life as a caveman. I am looking forward to introducing the class book to the children and sharing the main character's adventures as he travels back in time, we will use this as a stimulus for story writing. We will be revising basic punctuation and ensuring we have mastered full stops, capital letters, commas, question marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes and speech marks. We will also have a weekly grammar lesson and a guided reading session.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'Animals including humans', focusing on

health and movement.

PE

Our PE days are a Monday and Friday and we are fortunate to have a coach lead our lessons on a Friday morning, focusing on net and wall skills. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and ensure that they will be warm throughout the day. Please also make sure they are wearing sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch.

DT

The children will be designing, making and evaluating their own moving books using their magical creature as a stimulus.

RE

Miss Jewett will be teaching the children about Hinduism.

Spanish

Miss Forth will be continuing to teach Spanish. The children will revise greetings, numbers to 50 and colours. The children will focus on cultural knowledge and learn about the Day of the Dead.

Geography

The children will be exploring different places in the UK considering similarities and differences and comparing local villages, towns and cities.

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to teach your children and I look forward to the year ahead! Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Kind Regards,
Mrs Bradwell