

## Year 3's Newsletter

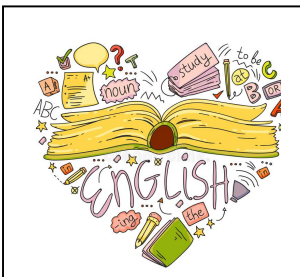
Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Summer break. It has been lovely welcoming the children back and getting to know them. We are all excited to see what the children will achieve during their time with us in Year 3. The children have come back to school with a positive attitude for learning which I look forward to continuing throughout the year. As we begin our new year, I would like to take the time to inform you of the learning which will take place this half term.



### Religious Education

In Religion, our topic will be Homes. We will explore different types of homes and families and discuss the joys and sorrows of family life. The children will look at The Holy Family and understand God's vision for families at home. The children will study scripture and prayers to help deepen their spiritual understanding.



### English

Our first unit in English will be focused around the book "Seal Surfer" by Michael Foreman.

The children will learn how to group ideas into paragraphs, build and use varied vocabulary and use prepositions to determine time, place and cause. This will be presented in their final piece of writing, a letter in the role of a character.

In spellings, we will be recapping some high frequency words to make sure the children are using these accurately in each piece of writing. We will also be learning some new spelling rules to help the children build their spelling knowledge.

### Maths

In Maths, we are focusing on place value. Children will use their previous knowledge of tens and ones to help them understand hundreds. We will partition different numbers using place value charts and lots of maths equipment so the children become confident in their understanding of this.



Times tables knowledge is a key part in different areas of maths. Please ensure your child accesses TT Rockstars frequently to help build their knowledge, speed and accuracy.

Arithmetic sheets will be completed weekly in class and sent home for the children to practice. We hope to see score improvements so any practice you can do with your child would greatly help here.

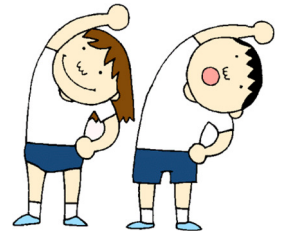
### **Science**

This half term we will be learning about Health and Movement. The children will explore healthy food groups and how different foods affect our health. They will also learn about the human skeleton, naming some bones and understanding how movement impacts different parts of the body.



### **P.E**

The children will have 2 sessions of P.E a week, which are Tuesday and Friday. Remember that your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on these days (White t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/joggers, black trainers and their school jumper).



### **Geography**

Our Geography unit is all about The UK and its features. We will explore all of the different countries within the UK, some landmarks of each country, different types of settlement and compare two areas.

### **Art**

In Art, we will be focusing on ourselves as growing artists. We will be using different drawing techniques to create botanical drawings and have a focus on the work of the artist Georgia O'Keefe.

### **Reading**

Reading books must be in school every day. Please ensure that you are reading regularly with your children and signing their reading records. When the children have finished reading, ask them



questions about the book. This helps to develop their comprehension skills. When they have finished their book, they will take a quiz to test their understanding and then they will have it changed. In addition to this, we will do a daily whole class guided reading session where we read a text together and answer questions about it. Children will also bring home a book from the class library. This is a book they are able to share with you at home and read for pleasure. They will have the opportunity to change these books regularly during library time in class.

### **Homework**

Children are expected to read their school reading book each evening and practice their times tables on TT Rockstars frequently. Occasionally children will be sent home with arithmetic questions to practice. Please support your child in completing this as it will have a positive impact on their progression.

If you have any questions about any of our topics, please contact me.

Thank you for your continued home support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Riley

