

## **Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and continue to stay safe and well. I'm very excited to be working with the Year 3 class this year and am looking forward to getting to know you all.



**Reading** – Children are expected to read at home **at least four times a week for about 20 minutes** and they should now be reading a wide variety of books; fiction, non-fiction, poetry etc. If your child is on Accelerated Reader then they will be able to continue quizzing at home like they have been doing, and there will be times in the day when they can also quiz at school. There is a new way of tracking the amount of reading being done for the reading treat this year, which is linked to your child's reading target. At the start of every half term a target is set on the Accelerated Reader platform and will be written on a sticker in their yellow reading diary. Every time your child finishes a book and quizzes (and scores enough to pass the quiz), points are added to their account and their flower picture is filled in. When their target is met then they have earned the reading treat. This encourages your child to focus their reading on one book at a time and quiz frequently instead of stopping and starting, and to focus on comprehension. If your child is not on the AR system, then as per last year, they need to read 4 times and have their diaries signed to earn their reading treat. More details on this will be given at the Parent Information Workshops.

**English** – This half term we will be learning about the author Antony Browne, and will be doing some work on setting descriptions from his book 'The Tunnel'. We will also be writing instructions based on the book 'How to Wash a Wolley Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson. The Spelling Bee contest will take place on Tuesday 19th September so please support your child in learning the words from the Y3/4 list.

**Maths** – Our Maths lessons will develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving. We will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction this half term and we will use a variety of practical apparatus to help us with our understanding as well as formal written methods.

**Science** – This half term we will be looking at forces and motion and will look in detail at friction and magnetism.

**Geography** – We will be looking at the 2 hemispheres and comparing the countries of Iceland and Zimbabwe, focusing on climate and how it affects life there.

**History** – Our history focus is the Stone Age, and how people used to live and hunt in pre-historic times.

**Art** – This half term we will look at graded pencils and charcoal and explore the lines, tones and textures they can create. We will focus on the work of Rembrandt and look at drawing portraits. A trip to the Whitworth Art Gallery is very close to being finalised and more details will follow shortly via School Spider.

**PSHE** – We will discuss families and friendships this half term. October is Black History month and we will look at the life of Mary Seacole. It is also World Mental Health or 'Yellow Day' in October.

**RE** – We will look at Christianity this half term and what the Trinity means. We will focus on how the Father, Son and Spirit are represented in the Bible and sculpture. We also look at what the word Saviour means to Christians.

**PE** – Our PE days are Monday and Thursday and the children will be taught by Mrs Kirk. Pupils are asked to come to school in their Scholar Green P.E Kits on their P.E days once again. A PE kit consists of black shorts/leggings/skort, a Scholar Green PE T-shirt and trainers. Please do not send your child to school in a football kit/jeans/inappropriate footwear on their PE days. PE T-shirts can be purchased from [www.myschoolstyle.com](http://www.myschoolstyle.com). Please ensure your child has long hair tied back if applicable and jewellery is removed including earrings. Each day at lunchtime, Mrs Kirk will be running PE clubs on the playground or field. These will change on a weekly basis and there will be no need to sign up in advance. Children will be able to join in as and when they would like to.

To take part children will need their trainers only, but you may prefer to send your child into school in their PE kit on those days.

**Junior Jam** – The Junior Jam teachers will be in school on Wednesdays and they will deliver lessons in music, computing and French.

**Homework** – Homework will be sent home on Thursdays, to be completed and returned on the following Tuesday. There will be a menu to choose a task from, with a focus of either English, Maths, Topic of Life Skills. Spellings will also be sent home to practise and times table games need to be played on TTRS.

I have an open door policy so if you have any concerns please come to speak to me, usually the end of the day is easier as I have more time then. My email address is below and I would encourage you to use this as another way of getting in touch.

Kind Regards, Mrs Anna Whitehurst

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Date	Event
04.09.23	INSET Day
10.09.23	Homework starts this week (Thursday)
13.09.23	Parent Information Workshops – 3:30-5:30pm (4x 30mins)
18.09.23	After School Clubs Start
19.09.23	Whole School Spelling Bee
29.09.23	McMillan Coffee Morning – 9:00-10:30am – Head Boy & Girl Team Event
04.10.23	Crucial Crewe Safeguarding Event – Safeguarding Council
10.10.23	Yellow Day – Mental Health Awareness Day – Children to wear something yellow to school
13.10.23	Harvest Assemblies – EYFS & KS1 – 9:00-9:30am / KS2 – 9:45-10:15am
16.10.23	Big Draw Week Individual Pupil Photographs
17.10.23	Trip to Whitworth Art Gallery <b>**details to follow**</b>
20.10.23	Big Draw Parent Gallery – 2:30pm
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