

Dear Year, 3 parents/carers,

### Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2

#### Message from the teachers

Welcome back. The year 3 team are all looking forward to building on the successful start of the autumn term as we approach Christmas. Prior to that we will spend time talking about anti bullying week, bonfire night and Diwali. In the lead up to Christmas, we will be preparing for our Christmas carol concert, watching a pantomime and dressing the tree.

#### Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

#### Year 3 Staffing

Willow class teachers: Mrs Parker and Miss Morse

Iroko class teacher Miss Rosenthal

Year 3 learning support assistants: Mrs Crewe-Devein and Mrs Hensley

#### Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

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#### Homework

Homework, along with answers, are emailed to parents every Monday.

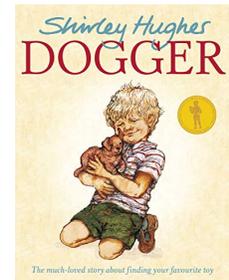
A banded reading book will sent home every Monday and should be returned by the Friday.

#### Autumn Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area:

##### English

Year 3 will be revisiting some familiar stories this half term in English, such as 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes and 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell linked with the idea of losing things. Following this, we will be looking at the art of debate and a balanced argument through discussing issues, like should children wear school uniform? We will support this by reading 'The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest' by Cherry Lynne.



##### Mathematics

In maths this half term, year 3 will be continuing their work on addition and subtraction to solve calculations and word problems using manipulatives and concrete resources. We will then look at multiplication and division.

An example of problem is:

Tommy has four bags with five sweets in each bag.

Annie has six bags with four sweets in each bag.

Who has more sweets?

How many more sweets do they have?

Draw a picture to show this problem.

### **Science**

The year 3 science unit this term is 'Amazing Bodies'. The children will build on their knowledge of the human body developed in Key Stage 1. They will revisit the importance of eating the right amounts of different types of food, but will extend this knowledge to understand that the food we eat provides us with the nutrition that our bodies require to remain healthy. They will learn about the range of nutrients that humans need to consume in the correct amounts and the role that these nutrients play in keeping our bodies healthy. They will also learn that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

### **Geography**

Climate. Why is climate important? The children are introduced to different ways of communicating geographical information, particularly through different styles of maps. They will learn to read weather and climate maps, and learn how weather and climate are generalised into world climate zones. The concept of biomes will be explored, each with distinctive climate, soil, flora, fauna and human activity.

### **Design and Technology**

In Design and technology this half term, we will investigate castles designs, constructing 3D shapes and designing castles for a particular purpose. We will then use a variety of 3D shapes and junk material to construct our designs. Finally, we will assess our finished pieces.



Images of castles that will inspire our designs

### **Physical Education**

The two P.E. units in year 3 this half term we will cover are Skip to the beat & Groovy Gymnastics indoors and Brilliant Ball Skills & Gym fit outside. We will do this through playing a wide range of games, sports and practising drills, which will help them learn and master these physical movement skills.

Our PE days are:

Outdoor PE Tuesday

Indoor PE Thursday

### **French**

The year 3 French unit this half term is focusing on description of colours, shapes and sizes. The children will learn vocabulary to enable them to draw, label and write about objects.

### **Religious Education**

In RE this term, we will be asking the question 'Has Christmas lost its true meaning?' We will look at the true meaning of Christmas. We will then spending time looking at the nativity.

### **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education**

'Celebrating Difference' is the second PSHE unit, where the children will look at different types of families and relationships.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Parker, Miss Morse and Miss Rosenthal