



## Class 3 newsletter

### Autumn term 2021



Welcome to Year 3! This year you will have Mr Sylvester and Mrs Ginty in class.

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready to tackle our next term in our class. This term will be action packed, with lots to do and learn.

#### Topic

This term our topic is "Eastern Promise." The main focus is China and The Shang Dynasty. We will be looking at where in time this period of history sits and also learning about their ways of life and beliefs. We will also be creating Willow patterned plates by printing and looking at the potter Josiah Spode.

In science we will be learning about rocks and soils in the first half term and light after the half term break.

During the autumn term our Maths work is mainly based around number; place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. A key feature of the Year 3 curriculum is multiplication facts. Please try and work on these at home as much as possible. This includes multiplication and division facts. The children should already be able to recall facts for their 2, 5 and 10 timetables, such as 45 divided by 5 and 2 times 8, but may need a refresher after the summer break. There are lots of apps and games available to help the children with these, if you need ideas please call and see me.

In Literacy, we will be looking at adventure stories, poetry and we will also be completing some free writing.

#### Swimming

This year, Year 3 will go swimming in the summer term. In the meantime, if your child is having swimming lessons then this is a great start for them, if not, any time you get to go swimming with them between now and the summer term would be a great bonus for them in developing their confidence in water.

To pass National Curriculum standard children must:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

#### P.E.

The children will have a weekly PE session with our PE coach, Jez. Our sessions will be on a **Monday** afternoon and a **Tuesday** morning.

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school each week for this

- Navy or black shorts
- A PE t-shirt or polo shirt
- Trainers
- Jogging bottoms
- Sweatshirt.

Children must also have long hair tied back and not wear any jewellery.

Please also remember that the children should continue to come to school in their P.E. kits on these days.

## Reading

The expectations are really high in Key Stage 2 so please try to read with your child every night. It really does make a difference. Not just to your child's learning but also in developing a love of books. This doesn't have to be a formal sit down and read but it can be a chilled time just before bed or even reading the programme or menu if you go out for the evening. It is amazing when children want to read and have a love for books! With this newsletter I will be sending home a list of recommended reads for Year 3, these are a great place to start! You do not have to stick to these but there are a range of suggestions.

## Homework

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The children will receive a termly topic homework grid, which is optional and focusses on their interests in the terms topic.

We are really looking forward to this term, I hope you are too. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see any of the Year 3 team.

Thank you for your support

Mr Sylvester and Mrs Ginty  
Year 3