



CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break with your children. The children have come back focused and ready for some hard work. Below is a break-down of everything that we will be covering and what you need to know for the coming term.

In Convince Me Maths this term our focus is on measures and geometry. We will begin with a unit on reasoning with measures where children will learn to find the area, volume and perimeter of a range of shapes including compound and rectilinear shapes. We will then move on to exploring shape where we will recap the different types of angles and calculate missing angles. The children will also identify the features of a range of shapes including regular and irregular shapes and circles. After half term we will move on to visualising shape which includes building 3D shapes and drawing nets for 3D shapes. Then we will spend a week on describing position including translation and reflection. We will look at converting between imperial and metric units of measure and finally spend some time on proportional reasoning which will include using all four operations and knowledge of measures, shape and fractions to solve problems. We will also be continuing with our daily 10 minute session of Schofield and Sims to improve mental maths skills.

In English, we are continuing with Comprehension Bug, we will have a daily half an hour reading session. We will also be continuing to use Readwriter, which we will be using alongside spelling games to practise the year 5/6 spelling list. We will still have a written test each Friday. In writing, we will continue to practise planning, drafting, and editing our writing. We will be basing most of our writing on the history topic of WW2 and our class book 'Alone on a Wide Wide Sea' by Michael Morpurgo. We will also use Literacy Shed video clips and a range of texts to inspire our writing. The children will write for a range of different purposes – to entertain, to inform, to persuade and to discuss.

In Science, we will complete our unit on living things and their habitats before moving on to our final topic which is Forces. The children will learn all about the force of gravity and who discovered it. They will also learn about air resistance, water resistance and friction and how levers, pulleys and gears can allow smaller forces to have a greater effect. The children will be using all five types of investigation – pattern seeking, classification and grouping, observing over time, fair testing and scientific research.

Our History topic for this term is World War 2. We will be learning about the outbreak of the war, evacuation, rationing, the role of women in the war, The Holocaust and other key events such as The Battle of France, The Battle of Britain, The Blitz, Pearl Harbour, D-Day

and VE Day. We will link our History topic to Geography where we will focus on locational knowledge. We will also read a range of texts based on our topic including *Alone on a Wide Wide Sea* by Michael Morpurgo, *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr and *Anne Frank's Diary*.

Our DT focus this term is food and nutrition. We will link DT to our History topic and recreate some examples of rations. We will discuss how and where ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. In Computing, we will be learning about E-Safety and information technology using the IT programme 'Purple Mash'.

Mr Swankie will be leading a lunch time sporting club each Tuesday and all children are welcome to join in. He will also be teaching Class 3 on a Tuesday afternoon, with a focus on athletics including net and wall and striking and fielding.

We are continuing with our reading reward scheme in Class 3, where the children are rewarded each time they read and write a reflective comment in their reading journal. When the children have read 80 times in total, they will receive a book mark and 100 times in total they will receive a new book. Thank you for writing any notes for me in the blue planners rather than reading journals.



Monday		
Tuesday		Outdoor PE kit required (Mr Swankie)
Wednesday		Musical instrument (Mrs Rhodes)
Thursday		
Friday	Homework to be handed in	Indoor / Outdoor PE kit required Written spelling test New homework will be set

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to the new term together!

Miss Rowling, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Gyll

