



CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a wonderful summer break with your children. We are quickly settling into routines old and new ready for lots of hard work this coming term. The children are excited to begin the new year in our new Year 5/6 class. 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' we are recapping place value. We will be exploring Roman numerals, writing numbers from decimals up to a billion, understanding the value of each digit, and rounding numbers to help with estimation. Next, the children will learn about factors, multiples and prime numbers. Finally, we will explore the four calculations, ensuring that children are confident with both mental and formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will learn a column method of multiplication and the long, written method of division as well as the short bus stop method. The children will still be encouraged to practise their times tables regularly using our new IT programme 'TT Rockstars' (the children have been given their own personal logins).

In English, we are continuing with 'Comprehension Bug'. We will also be doing some whole class reading lessons where we will be exploring the picture book code learning about the effect of size, position, colour and much more. For spelling, we will be using the 'Spellodrome' website for extra practice (the children will be given their own personal IT logins.) 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 our topic, 'The Ancient Egyptians', linking closely with our class books – 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll and 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan. The children will write for a range of different purposes.

In Science, we are exploring living things and their habitats where the children will explore flowering plant reproduction, asexual reproduction, insect, amphibian, mammalian and bird life cycles and contrasting life cycles from around the world. In the second half of the Autumn term we will be exploring Earth and Space more, looking more closely at the solar system, how it works and the features of each of the planets. The children will be using all five types of investigation – Pattern seeking, classification and grouping, observing over time, fair testing and scientific research.

As well as basing our writing around our History topic, 'The Ancient Egyptians', the children will also be completing some Art and DT work including making Pharaoh masks, pyramids and cartonnage papyri. In Geography, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt itself; finding Ancient Egypt on the globe and identifying geographical features of Ancient Egypt.

In Computing, we will be learning about E-Safety ensuring that all the children understand how to remain safe online. We will also continue to use the IT programme 'Purple Mash'.

We hope to receive more training from Dave from 'Skip2Bfit', so that Class 3 can continue to lead 'Wake Up Shake Up' on a daily basis. For now, the children are running the 'Appleton Mile' each morning. 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, firstly focusing on invasion games and later in the term focusing on dance.

We are continuing with our new reading reward scheme in place 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 new planners rather than reading journals.



Monday		
Tuesday		Outdoor PE kit required (Mr Swankie)
Wednesday		
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 our new year together!

Miss Rowling, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Stainthorpe

