



## CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year after such a long break, I hope you are as excited as I am to be back together. 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 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 before exploring the four calculations, ensuring that children are confident with both mental and formal written methods. Children will learn a column method of multiplication and the long, written method of division as well as the short bus stop method. Finally, before Christmas, we will begin exploring fractions including finding a fraction of an amount, converting between fractions, decimals and percentages, and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions.

In English, we are continuing with Comprehension Bug, we will have a daily half an hour reading session. We will also be introducing Readwriter, which we will be using alongside spelling games to practise the year 5/6 spelling list. We will 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 Mayan Civilisation, but also using 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 are looking at electricity where the children will learn all about different types of electric circuits. They will learn about the voltage of cells and the use of switches in a circuit, they will learn to use symbols to draw circuits and later in the half term we will be making an electronic board game. Next half term we will be exploring light – how light travels, how we see light and how shadows are formed. The children will be using all five types of investigation – pattern seeking, classification and grouping, observing over time, fair testing and scientific research.

In History we are learning about the Mayan Civilisation. We will begin with some research on the history of Mexico – closely linked with our Geography locational knowledge. We will learn about Mayan life including life for children, games and jobs, the importance of farming, ancient artefacts, and Mayan masks.

Geography will be taught discretely. This term we will be focusing on locational knowledge, where the children will learn to locate continents, countries, and key cities on a map. They will be able to recognise environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics. They will learn about map symbols and general map reading skills.

All Art and DT work will be based around our Science topic of Electricity this year – designing, making and evaluating an electronic board game. 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 will soon be having our training day from Dave from Skip2Bfit, for now, class 3 children will be leading Wake up Shake up within our own class only, but hopefully they will have the opportunity to lead the daily exercise for the rest of the school soon! 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 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 new 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 our new year together!

Miss Rowling, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Loverock

