



## CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope you had a lovely 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 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. We will also be continuing with Schofield and Sims where the children will have a daily 10-minute session to use their mental maths skills.

In English, we are continuing with Comprehension Bug, we will have a daily half an hour reading session. We will also continue using 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, changes in Britain from the stone age to the iron age. 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 are looking at animals including humans. Our focus for this half term is the human body. We will be looking closely at what makes a human body healthy including eating a balanced diet, water, nutrients, and exercise. Towards the end of the topic, we will also discuss how tobacco, alcohol and drugs affect the human body. Next half term we will be exploring Earth and Space learning all about the Earth, Sun and Moon and the movement of the Earth and other planets. 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 changes in Britain from the Stone age to the Iron age. We will learn all about how man survived the stone age, the importance of hunting and the tools and weapons they invented. Then we will learn about Skara Brae, Stonehenge, hillforts, and the druids.

Geography will be taught discretely. This half term we will be focusing on Locational knowledge including naming and locating counties and cities of the United Kingdom and identifying human and physical characteristics and key topographical features (hills, mountains, coasts and rivers).

All Art and DT work will be based around our History topic, where the children will investigate and recreate some cave drawings in art and DT. 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'.

In Music, the children will continue to learn a musical instrument and develop their performance skills.

In RE, we will be learning about people's different views on the existence of God and places of worship.

French will continue to be taught weekly, focusing on numbers, dates, objects and weather.

In PSHE & C, we will learn about families, friends and safe relationships.

The children will receive a day of training from Dave from 'Skip2bfit', which means Class 3 will be able to lead daily 'Wake Up Shake Up' activities. This will alternate with running the Appleton Mile. 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, and Miss Wright Mr Spinks (student)

