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CLASS 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2018

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Class 3. The autumn term is already here and is full of interesting and exciting topics. Below is an overview of what is in store for Class 3.

Literacy: We shall be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts this term. This will include a variety of poetry, playscripts, animation stories and information texts linked to our history, geography and science topics. There will be a weekly grammar lesson and weekly spellings for the children to learn.

Reading: The children will continue to read with our voluntary reader helpers, with me and/or with a teaching assistant. There will also be a large amount of whole class shared reading where children are encouraged to read their own and others' written work and reading class texts aloud.

Mathematics: The children will be building on a number of skills previously acquired. We will be covering the four operations, place value, ordering, measure (mass), shape, time and fractions.

Science: Our first topic for the term is 'Healthy Eating and Nutrition'. This includes naming and grouping foods and exploring how different foods are needed for activity, growth and health. We will also look at animals and their different diets, and simple food chains.

This will be followed by a topic on 'Teeth, Skeleton and Muscles' after half term.

Computing: Computing will be embedded across the curriculum as well as more focused units of work to develop skills in programming and using random variables.

History: 'The Stone Age to Iron Age Britain' is our topic for the term. This will include looking at how the first people lived, the tools they used, cave paintings, food, clothing, stone circles, farming and family life.

Geography: Our focus will be 'Where in the world am I?' Using maps and atlases the children will learn to locate countries, continents, major cities and counties in the UK.

Art & Design Technology: This will include developing skills in collage, sewing, drawn thread work, clay, drawing and painting.

Music: The children will be exploring arrangements and descriptive sounds using percussion instruments and glockenspiels.



Religious Education: This term's focus is 'Worship, Pilgrimage and Sacred places' linked to the Christian faith, including Christingle and Christmas, and Hinduism.

French: Our topic for this term is 'Greetings and Introductions' whereby the children will learn about France and its flag and French culture.

Sex and Relations Education (SRE): The children will be introduced to our online friends, Yasmine and Tom, who will help the children learn about positive relationships and feelings.

Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE): Lessons on a wide range of PSHE and citizenship themes will include: *Peer pressure: It's Your Choice, The Earth in Our Hands, Chicken Soup, The Two Brothers, Tongue, Refugees: The Stranger.*

Homework: Weekly maths and spelling homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Thursday.

We currently have two voluntary reader helpers in Class 3 so if you think you would like to help read with the children, the available days are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and I would ask for a half term commitment. Please see me if you are interested.

If you have any questions or queries then please come and ask. Also if you have any resources/artefacts which you think may be useful to any of our topics and would like to share them with the class then please let me know.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Miss A. Kemp

