



Year 3 News Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 3. We are very excited about taking the children into what will be a wonderful Year 3 and are delighted that the children have settled quickly and are working well.

LITERACY: This term we will be exploring different genres of writing looking at their content, structure, style and vocabulary. We will be working on grammar rules and spelling patterns and the children will continue with handwriting practice. Much of our work will be linked to the whole school topic of Take one culture.

NUMERACY: We will be focused on ensuring that the children achieve confidence and fluency in the subject areas covered this term, including, place value, number and all four operations. We aim to help the children develop mastery in the curriculum areas covered.

SCIENCE / EDUCATIONAL VISITS: Our Science topic this term is 'Rocks' and to support this, we will be visiting the Eltham Environmental Curriculum Centre. This visit will take place on **Monday 2nd October for Class 3A and Thursday 5th October for Class 3C**. We also invite the Freshwater Theatre Company to come into school to work with the children on 1st November 2017. If you are able to accompany the children on any educational visits throughout the year, you will need to have completed a DBS Form. Please contact the school office for further information.

You will soon receive details of the educational visits throughout the year. Please complete the permission slip and return it to the school office so that your child may participate in events throughout the year. Please also make a financial contribution towards the costs so that we can ensure visits can proceed as planned. £6.50 will support half term/£13 full term/£39 full academic year. Payments should be made using the AGORA Online Payment system. Please contact the school office if you have yet to register. Thank you for your support.

ICT: We will be using the Apple Mac computers and iPads to support our learning in all areas of the curriculum, whilst continuing to ensure safe and responsible use of the internet.

FRENCH: The children will be having French lessons once a week where they will be learning new vocabulary and developing their conversational skills.

ART: This term the children will be using a variety of media in preparation for the first whole school display.

MUSIC: The children will be creating rhythmic patterns using their bodies, voices and instruments.

P.E: This year, the children will take swimming lessons on Thursday mornings, on alternate weeks. For the first half of the term, the children will also have tennis on Thursday mornings. The time table for P.E. will change weekly to take into account whether the children are swimming that week so we would ask that you please send your child in with their P.E. kit every Monday morning and leave it at school until Friday when it can be taken home. P.E. kit should comprise of white T shirt, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls in a named bag. Girls with long hair also need to bring a hairband so that it can be tied back.

HOME LEARNING: We would like to emphasise the importance of reading with your child, or ensuring that they read independently, every day and recording this in their Reading Logs. The children's reading books and Reading Logs should be brought into school every day. Where relevant, the children will also be given maths homework once a week to consolidate classroom learning. Spellings will be taught and practised weekly and will be assessed in class. The children will have a word search to take home on Fridays which will embed this.

We always need more **Volunteer Reading Helpers** who can commit time **on a regular basis for 10-15 minutes at least once each week from 9am**. We find that the 1:1 time with a child makes a real difference; please let us know if you can help; you will need to complete a DBS Form to help in this way.

We would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is for all children to wear correct school uniform. Please remember that all school uniform and equipment should be named (including lunch boxes and drinks bottles). If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us; the end of the day is usually easier than the start of the day. **Thank you for your support! Mrs Ackermann and Mr Coy Year 3 teachers**