



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring Term



Welcome back to school. We hope you had a good Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. We have a full term planned ahead for the children to enjoy, which can already be seen in the great start the children have made to the term so far.

Science topic: the CREW Theatre Company visited school on Wednesday 17th January to deliver a workshop around the area of learning for forces. This introduced and will support learning around this topic. This will then be followed by a focus on humans and animals within our Take One project of Blue planet and Planet Earth and our March visit by the Immersive Dome.

In Maths, we will continue to develop and extend number skills and explore shape, measurement and time. We hope you will be able to continue to support the children's class work at home, by practising multiplication tables and reading the time with them. Your additional support will help your child gain mathematical confidence in these areas.

As part of our **Literacy Work** we will be focusing on the book 'Storm' by Kevin Crossley-Holland. We will explore the use of imagery from the text to create detailed descriptive pieces of work as well as imaginative poems. We will also continue to look at new spelling patterns and rules each week.

Our History topic this term will focus on the Romans and their contribution to modern civilisation. We will be looking at the key historical figures in the rise of the Roman Empire as well as looking at what life was like for the citizens of the empire.

PE this term will be Cricket and alternating swimming and gymnastics. Please ensure your child comes to school with a named white T Shirt, black shorts, trainers or plimsolls. PE Kit should be kept at school all week and taken back home on Friday for washing. Black jog bottoms may be worn for outside PE.

For swimming on Thursdays, please ensure that your child comes to school without any jewellery, this includes stud earrings. All children also need to bring their own costume, towel and hat.

In Art, we will be exploring how to use tone to help us create lifelike compositions which will be inspired by our work in Science and used for our art installation for our Take One project.

Home Learning: Reading for a minimum of ten minutes every night, completing the reading log and learning weekly spellings continue to be very beneficial. Also completing the maths homework every week will really support children's learning in class. Reading logs will be checked during their focused reading time of every week.

If you have paid your terms contribution towards the cost of **educational visits** we thank you. If you have yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible using the AGORA online payment system. If you are unsure of your position please contact the school office who will be happy to help. If you have completed a DBS form and would like to accompany the children on visits through the year, please speak to your child's teacher. If you need to complete a DBS form, please come to the school office who will be happy to help. ***If you have completed a DBS form and have some spare time from 9.00 to 9.30am to read on a regular basis with some of the children, we would be very grateful. Please let us know.***

Thank you for your support, Mr Coy and Mrs Ackermann
