

Year 3 Wrens Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself for those who don't know me. My name is Miss. Horton. I am very much looking forward to teaching your children over the next academic year. Congratulations to the children for working very hard in Year 2 and I have every confidence that they will continue to do so. Year 3 will bring new challenges and exciting opportunities for the children. It is important that together we encourage them to approach everything they do with a positive attitude! The children will be working with Miss Merryweather and myself. I can't wait to see what all the children achieve this year!

Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be covering the following areas; place value, ordering numbers, counting and estimating, adding and subtracting numbers, multiplication and division facts, measuring, money, time and looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be practicing our problem solving skills each week and working on our times tables.

English

In English, we will be reading texts and our writing pieces will be based around these texts. Alongside our work on our class novels, we will continue to practise our comprehension skills, handwriting skills, learn and practise spellings and improve our grammar. We will also cover various text types, such as poetry, instructions, and play scripts. Our first text is 'It Was a Dark and Stormy Night'.

History

This term our topic will be looking at the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We will be finding out lots of information about how these people lived, their social ranking and how they dressed.



The children will also have a go at creating their very own cave painting!

Science

During the first half term our topic will be Rocks and Soils. The children will be taught to compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. They will also learn how fossils are formed and begin to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. This topic will include a trip to Wrens Nest Nature Reserve where the children will be able to search for their own fossils! The children will also continue to learn and carry out different types of scientific enquiry.

P.E

On Wednesday and Thursday the children will have P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on these days: **Black** shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, **plain white** t-shirt, PE pumps. Trainers/black hoody for outside. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named.

Reading

Please read with your child every day, just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading book and record. Please ensure the reading record is signed regularly and is kept in your child's book bag. In Guided Reading, we will be reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl together.

Religious Education / PSHE

Our focus in RE this term will be Christianity. Our PSHE themes will be 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences', where we will discuss what makes us and our families unique!

Uniform

Please ensure the children are wearing appropriate uniform and check all uniform, coats and bags are clearly labelled to help them become more responsible and independent.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and should be handed back in by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the following Friday. Please ensure your child practises their spellings at home. These will increasingly be linked to a particular spelling pattern or rule each week and it is important that the children recognise this to further their understanding of spelling and grammar. We will also send Maths and English homework alternate weeks.

YEAR 3 PUPILS



During your time in Year 3 we will expect you to:

- ◇ Always put in 100% effort.
- ◇ Aim to have 100% attendance (research shows that there is a direct link between fantastic end of year results and extremely high attendance).
- ◇ Be kind and considerate to everyone.
- ◇ Do your homework to a high standard and hand it in on time.
- ◇ Read every night with an adult at home.
- ◇ Practise your spellings.
- ◇ Look after your own things.
- ◇ Make sure you wear the correct uniform with the appropriate footwear.
- ◇ Have your PE kit at school.

Please, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to speak to us in the morning before school or at the end of the day. Miss Merryweather and I are very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with us more privately, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

We look forward to a successful year of learning!

Miss. Horton and Miss Merryweather.