

# Year 3 Wrens Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone after what we hope was a lovely Christmas and New Year! We are excited to welcome the children back to school!

We are trying really hard to improve our attendance this term, so if there is anything that we can help you with to improve this, please let us know!

## Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be covering the following areas: multiplication and division; length and perimeter; fractions and mass and capacity. We will be using a range of resources to support your child's learning, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

## English

In English, we will begin by reading Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and using this to inspire our writing. Our next text will be Enid Blyton's 'The Enchanted Wood'.

Alongside our work on these novels, we will continue to practise our comprehension skills, handwriting, learn and practise spellings and improve our grammar.

## History and Geography

This term, our history topic will be the Ancient Egyptians. We will be finding out lots about how these people lived, the Gods that they worshiped and how they viewed life and death.

In Geography, we will be learning about volcanoes. We are very excited to be learning about the different layers within the Earth, why and where we get volcanoes and the effects of volcanic eruptions.

## Science

During the first half term our topic will be Rocks and Animals and Humans. The children will be taught about the bones and muscles that make up the human body, as well as looking at what a healthy lifestyle looks like. We will be looking at what our diets should be made up of, and we will be linking this to one of our DT projects where we will be making a tart.

The next half term will be 'Forces and Magnets'. The children will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. The children will then compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials.

## P.E

Please note, PE is on a Monday and Wednesday.

This half term, we will be learning gymnastics and dance. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit on these days: shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a white T-shirt. Please make sure all items of your child's PE kit are named.

## Reading

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, some of us will be reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl and some will be reading 'The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover'.

### Religious Education / PSHE

Our focus in RE this term will be on how faith is expressed in Sikh communities and the Five Pillars of Islam.

Our PSHE theme will be 'health and wellbeing', where we will discuss what a healthy lifestyle looks like.

### 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 home, alternating every other week.

### 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. Mrs Wright 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!

Mr Cole & Mrs Wright.