



## Welcome to Class 3 – Autumn

Dear Parents and Children,  
It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school and into Year 1. You all look so smart in your uniforms. Year 1 is an exciting and busy year group, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 1 through a newsletter – so here is the first one of the year. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you,  
Miss Hobson and Mrs. Lacy

### English

This term, in English we will be exploring the following genres: retell a story, poetry, recounts, instructions and descriptive writing.

We will be learning how to form lower case letters correctly, using entrance and exit strokes, and understanding which letters belong to which handwriting 'families'. When writing we will be focusing on using spaces between words, punctuating a sentence using a capital letter and a full stop, and writing on the line. We will be having a big focus on spelling. The children will learn to build up unknown words using phonic sounds. As well as this, they will be learning to spell correctly some tricky key words. Spellings are from common exception words and phonic groups. In our reading sessions we will learn to use picture clues and apply our phonic knowledge to decode new words. As well as reading common sight words, we will learn to 'read on' to help decode words. We will discuss the stories we read, make predictions and answer questions.

### Maths

The main areas we will cover this term are:

- Place Value (within 10)
- Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
- Geometry – Shape
- Place Value (within 20)

The children will be learning to form digits from 0 to 9 correctly. We will spend time each week practising to count to 100, forwards and backwards, recognising odd and even numbers, memorising number bonds to 10, and counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Please can you support your child in learning all of their number bonds to 10 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, a secure knowledge will make maths much easier.

### Science

We will begin by identifying the basic parts of the human body using songs and labelling. The children will learn about their five senses and why we have them. We will take part in a senses investigation...I wonder who will like the taste of lemon?! We will go on to name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The children will then learn that a variety of common animals can be put in to three groups named carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals. The children will observe closely the changes across the seasons, and this term we will go on an Autumn walk to Thornaby Cemetery where they will observe the wonderful and beautiful autumnal changes.

### RE

The focus of this term's R.E work is Loving and belonging. We will look at the love of our families and how we all belong to the family of God. The children will discuss their own experiences of the love and care shown in their own family. Our scripture work will help us to understand that God loves and cares for all of us, and takes care of everyone. We will learn that Jesus grew up in a family who loved and cared for him. We will also look at the sacrament of Baptism, which enables us to belong to God's family in a special way. We will also study Judaism where we will look at the stories of Abraham and Moses.



## PE

In gymnastics, we will be coping and repeating simple skills with actions. We will work on our control and coordination, and perform with confidence.

We will learn how to play Hockey, and develop our passing and control of the ball. We will learn how to pass and dribble using a hockey stick.

## Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about technology around us and how it can help us. We will be developing our mouse and keyboard skills. We will be also creating digital painting where we will learn how to use different tools to create different colours, shapes, lines and effects. Most importantly, we will learn how to keep ourselves safe when using a computer and the internet.

## History

We are really looking forward to learning all about our own personal past in History. We will be looking at changes within our own living memory by sharing special artefacts that belong to us, discussing how we have change since we were babies and we will learn about our family trees. During Black History month we will learn about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, and how they helped to make our world a better place where everyone is treated the same.

## Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the world around us, in particular our local area. We will be improving our knowledge of locations by following maps in our local area. We will be using our orienteering course to expand our knowledge of map work and we will be beginning to use directional language. We will be creating our own maps of Thornaby.

## Art, Music and D&T



Our Art topic this term is all about autumn, and we will explore how nature can be used to make different forms of art. The children will experiment with paint mixing to create different colours and tones, and produce a final painting with a blend of autumn colours.

In music, our lessons will focus on songs from Italy as we will be celebrating International Music Day. We will also be learning about Black History music, and Christmas carols.

In D and T, the children will be designing and making their own farm enclosure, which will link with our Geography work on maps.

## Homework

Children in Class 3 are expected to do **30 minutes homework every school night**. This consists of:

- Ten minutes reading (ideally with an adult);
- Ten minutes practising spellings of the week (see full list in your child's reading record) using the look, say, cover, write, check method;
- Ten minutes focusing on maths particularly learning KIRFS (see maths section).

**Homework books will go home on a Friday and children will be tested on their number facts, and spellings every Thursday.**

Please refer to your child's homework books for more information and thank you for your continued support!

## Important Dates!

1<sup>st</sup> October – Race for Life  
11<sup>th</sup> October – D.T. Week  
8<sup>th</sup> November – Art Week



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