



# Welcome to Class 7 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our Year 3s! We have already had a great start to the new school year and the children have settled into their new class very well. They are becoming familiar with the expectations of KS2, and we are very proud of them all. Class 6 will be an exciting and busy year, and so we want to support you and your child in every way we can. Our newsletters will keep you informed of what we are going to be doing in our class this year. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please ask.

Miss Grady, Mr Potter and Mrs Humphrey



## Maths

We are focusing on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division this term. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills.

In Year 3 we expect children to confidently know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x times tables.

Weekly 'Number tests' will be completed on a Friday. Please support your child in learning their number facts – you could quiz them on the way to and from school!

TT Rockstars and Sumdog are brilliant to use to have fun whilst learning times tables. Look out for battles against other classes!

**(You will find log-in details at the front of your child's reading record for use at home)**



## English

This term, we will look at the genres of story-writing, acrostic poetry, persuasive posters and non-chronological reports.

In our reading sessions we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. Children should be encouraged to read daily and summarising what they have read, this will further support them in lessons.

Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class. Our Year 3s will now be moving on to spellings from the Year 3 spelling lists and explore how sentences can be written using different structures.

Finally, we will be encouraging all children to speak clearly in full sentences, as this is a focus we are having throughout the year.



## RE

Our first topic this term is Family (Domestic Church). In this topic, we will look at how God wants us love and respect our family. We will also take some time to look at Baptism and think about what happens when someone is baptised in church.

We take time to think about other religions and this term we will look at Judaism in which we will learn about Shabbat in a Jewish Family. In our Advent/Christmas, we will focus on Advent as a time of waiting and preparing. Children will be taking more of an active role in leading and planning worships and will be exploring a variety of prayer experiences.

Please keep a look-out for Stay & Pray and Class mass dates – we would love for you to join us in prayer.

## Science

During the Autumn term we will be learning about Animals including humans. We will be studying skeletons, body parts and how to keep our bodies healthy.



We will then be exploring plants and how they grow healthily.

## Art, Music and D&T

Art will be based around our Roman's theme and children will create their own clay pots and then a collage of a Roman helmet.

In Music the children will be listening to Italian music, such as Monteverdi, Musetta and Rossini and then learning an Italian language song.

In D&T children will be learning how to use mechanisms to make a pop-up book!

## French

Bonjour! In French we will be learning to say basic greetings such as hello and goodbye, and numbers 1-10. We will also be learning how to say our names and saying how we feel.

We will learn how to say nouns, colours, instructions and how to say our age. Au revoir!

## PE

Our PE lessons are on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. Please remember to have PE Kits in school for these days.

**PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.**

The children will learn the rules of tag rugby, and develop their ball and stick skills including passing backwards and scoring in hockey.

They will practise various techniques and then practise these against their opponents. The children will build on their teamwork skills from last year.



## Computing

Alongside children developing their computing skills navigating their way around TT Rockstars, Sumdog and Reading Plus, we will be learning about blogging! Children will learn, how to blog, why people have one and how to do it safely. We will also be introducing the children to e-safety.

Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks.

Thank you.

## History & Geography

We will be learning all about the Romans in Britain this term. Where did they come from? Why did they come to England? How did they live? How can we find out more about them?

We will use maps and atlases to locate different places in Europe and explore the effect the Romans had on Britain!

## Homework

We appreciate your continued support with homework, as what we set is designed to challenge the children and help them with their learning in class. If your child is struggling, please speak to us.

**Reading** is very important! Please listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. Please write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading - see support sheet in reading records for tips on how you can help!

**Spellings and Times Tables** will be sent home each Friday (either spelling investigation or common exception words). Please help your child to learn their words/tables each week ready for a test on a Friday.

**Sumdog** will be set each week with a task linked to our maths lessons. Please support your child in this (this will be a one-off session per week).

## Important Dates!

**PD Day:** 10<sup>th</sup> October (No children in school)

### Half-term:

Break up Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Children return Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### End of term:

Break up Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Children return Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

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