



Year 3 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Key Stage Two and to Year 3!

I hope you all had a good break over the summer. My name is Mr Diggle and I will be your child's teacher this year. Supporting your child in year 3 this year will also be Miss Palmas and Mrs Arumadura.

If there is ever anything you are concerned about or have any questions please come and speak to us or write a message in your child's diary! We are happy to help!

English

Our Novel is: Fantastic Mr fox written by Roald Dahl

In English this term, we will be developing our retrieval and summarising skills in reading sessions. In our writing sessions we will be writing a diary entry from the view of Mr Fox and writing a recount about a short video clip using a wide range of conjunctions and adverbs.



Maths

Timestables focus: x3 and x4



In maths this term, we will be focusing on place value, number and adding and subtracting two, 2-digit numbers using a range of mental and written methods. We will be counting, reading and writing numbers to a 1000 and finding 100, 10 and 1 less or more than a given number. We will use this knowledge to help us solve a range of problems.

Wider Curriculum

The children will begin the term by looking at their local town, Bolton. They will gain a deeper understanding of the geographical location of Bolton, identify some of its human and physical features and know what Bolton is famous for.

History- This term, the children will develop their historical skills and understanding when answering the unit's enquiry question 'Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Iron Age or Bronze Age?' They will develop an understanding of the different time periods and compare them.

Geography- Children will think about the question, 'Why do people live near volcanoes?' They will look at the location of volcanoes around the world and investigate the advantages and disadvantages of living near them.

Art- The children will be investigating drawing techniques. They will explore a range of mark making tools and develop their knowledge of techniques to create different tones and lines.

Science- Our first science topic this term is all about 'Animals including humans: movement and nutrition.' Within this unit, children will look at different skeletons, investigate how some muscles work in pairs and look at the different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet.

DT - Our DT unit of work this term, is all about cooking and nutrition. The children will have the chance to explore a range of seasonal foods and develop their skills in cutting and preparing food.

Computing- We will be developing our knowledge of networks and working on our word processing skills. We will also continue to think about the importance of staying safe online.

RE- Our first RE unit is 'Beginnings' therefore we will be thinking about new starts we have made and the story of Creation from the Bible. Our first virtue to live by will be 'Love of Learning'.

How can I help my child at home?

You can help your child at home by:

- **Supporting them with their reading.** Children should read at home every night. They should sign their diary 5 times each week. Please check your child's diary and sign it every week.
- **Supporting them with their homework.** Homework will be given out on Thursday. Children should complete their homework and return it to school by the following Wednesday at the latest. If children have any problems with their homework, they should bring it to school and ask for help before the date that it is due.
- **Learning times tables and division facts.**

In year 3 our focus is on 3's, 4's, 5's, 8's and 10's. Children must learn multiplication and division facts off by heart. Being able to recall these facts rapidly enables children to solve a

Notices

- Snack costs £8 for the half term. Children can then choose a snack to enjoy at break time each morning.
- Any lunch money should be sent to your child's class or paid at the office. School dinners cost £13.25 each week. If you would like your child to swap from school dinners to a packed lunch or a packed lunch to a school dinner then please let Mrs Marsh or Mrs Fraiser know in the office.
 - Breakfast club is available every morning. Each session will be £2.20.
- All children should wear the correct uniform at all times. This includes footwear. For health and safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery in school.
- PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Children should come to school in *their active wear on these days*

Parents' Meeting- Meet and Greet

There will be a whole school Meet and Greet on Wednesday 10th September. This will be an opportunity for the children to show you their new classroom.

Thank you so much to all children and parents for an excellent start to the year! Children are coming to school on time, looking smart and ready to learn. The children are settling in well and I am sure it's going to be a fantastic half term!

Mr Diggle