

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first half term of Year 3! Mrs Rahi and Miss Todd are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for this half term.

This half term we will be focusing on the geography based topic of 'Me and My World'. We will be making links across the curriculum and relating our learning to this topic.

Here is a list of our subjects for this half term:

English – We will be covering a number of different genres this term including poetry, stories with portal settings which include exploring the text of Alice in Wonderland.

It is essential that your child reads every day and that this is recorded and signed in their reading journal. When children finish their books please write this in the comments so we know they need to choose another book. Children should aim to get their reading journals signed at least five times a week. They will be awarded Aspiration Points for this. We will be continuing with the Accelerated Reader programme introduced last year.

Spelling – In line with the National Curriculum, the children in Year 3 will be covering the spelling lists for years 3-4 in weekly spelling lessons. Lists of words to learn will be sent home on the Monday in class to be learnt throughout the week and the children will be tested on the Friday. It is very important that the children practise these to help them with their writing stages.

Maths- This half term we will focus on number. This includes: Place value, addition, shape, measure and data. Children will be tested on their times tables and mental maths strategies on a weekly basis and on Fridays, they will focus on problem solving; enabling them to use and apply the skills learnt that week.

Science – Year 3 will be covering plants.

PE – Developing personal skills and physical fitness

RE – Diversity and equality

Art/ Design and technology – Cross curricular link with Geography and Science

Computing – We will be focusing on e-safety with the children and using the iPads and Chromebooks to develop a range of keyboard skills across the pages/keynote and numbers apps.

Geography – Me and My World – map skills, local area, countries, counties and capital cities of Britain.

Homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Practising times tables with your child would be a great help too.

PE lessons are on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Please make sure your child has the correct kit in school and make sure your child is not wearing any jewellery such as earrings or necklaces.

The children will be rewarded for good attendance. **Attendance is crucial for children to continue to make good progress this year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 9.30 am to inform of the reason for absence. A note must also be written explaining your child's absence on their return to school.**

All children are expected to come to school in full uniform as this is reflective of their learning and their attitude towards school. If a child has an item of uniform missing then they will receive a warning. If that item continues to be missing then the child will miss their playtime. Consistent failure to attend school without the correct uniform will result in referral to a member of the SLT.

Your child should bring their book bag every day. We would expect your child to read at home **every day** and for a comment to be written by an adult **at least** three times a week.

We are happy to see you if you have any concerns, questions or problems. After school is the best time for a longer discussion.

We look forward to working with you this year,

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rahi and Miss Todd

