



## Year 3 Newsletter Term 1 September 2021



Welcome to Term 1, we are delighted that our children have settled well into KS2 with positive enthusiasm.

### Routines:

- Children need to read daily to an adult, who should sign and date in their reading record (checked daily).
- Spellings (red book) are tested each Friday in school. Please encourage your child to practise them at home.
- PE kit needed on Monday (outdoors) and Friday (indoors), please keep to black, white or grey. No bright colours.
- Water bottles are to be brought in to keep in the classroom.
- Healthy snack (e.g. fruit) to be consumed in playtime.

### Term overview:

An overview of our learning aims for the term are as follows:

### English

This term our work in English will link to fiction books about fairy tales and our class book of 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs'.

The focus of their learning will include:

- Predicting a text
- Extending our vocabulary usage
- Describing settings and characters
- Extending our punctuation (SPaG)
- Editing and proofreading their writing (SPaG)
- Recognising and using prefixes and suffixes (SPaG)
- Word types - verbs, nouns, adjectives (SPaG)

### Maths

This term in Maths our focus will be Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. You can help support your child over the course of the year by learning and practising the 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x and 4x tables.

The focus of their learning this term will include:

- Recognising the value of a digit in numbers up to 1000
- Mental maths skills e.g. adding/subtracting 10 or 100 from any 3 digit number
- Compare and order numbers up to 4 digits
- Adding and subtracting methods
- Problem solving and reasoning e.g. explaining their method

## Science

Our science topic this term is 'Light and Dark'.

The focus of their learning will include:

- Learning about light sources and reflectors
- Investigating shadows
- Understanding the cause of night/day and the seasons
- Vocabulary e.g. transparent, translucent, opaque, Earth's orbit, solar energy
- DT link, planning and constructing a shadow puppet which they will test

## Geography

Over this term, we will be looking at different types of maps and focussing on our local area.

## Art/DT

We will be teaching the children how to use a range of media including oil/chalk pastels and sketch pencils. Towards the end of the term we will plan and create shadow puppets, linked to our science learning.

## RE

We are looking at the Hindu festival of Diwali and discussing what it is like to be part of a group.

## Spanish

The children will be focussing on developing basic greetings and beginning to learn numbers to 20.

## PE

Our outdoor PE sessions will be led by external sports coaches on a Monday and for Indoor PE we will be covering movement and dance on a Friday.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child in their learning. Please feel free to call the office if you have any queries concerning your child.

The Year 3 team - Miss Ahmed, Mrs Peasey and Mrs Passingham