



## Year 3 Newsletter Term 2- November 2021



Welcome to Term 2, we are delighted to see the children back and ready to learn after half term.

### Routines:

- All 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 be inspired by 'Tell Me a Dragon'. The children will write a narrative about their own missing dragon and then move onto instruction writing.

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)
- Sentence types
- Writing in a consistent tense

### Maths

This term in Maths our focus will be Multiplication and Division. The children will benefit greatly from practising their times tables at home as this will help their fluency and confidence in class. You can help support your child by practising the 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x and 4x tables.

The focus of their learning this term will include:

- Multiplication and division using number facts from the 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables
- Sharing equally among groups
- Problem solving and reasoning e.g. explaining their method

### Science

Our science topic this term is 'Rocks and Fossils'.

The focus of their learning will include:

- Learning about the properties of different types of rocks
- Looking at how fossils are formed
- Looking at the different layers of soil
- Investigating which rocks might be best suited for different purposes

### History

This term we will be learning about the Mayan civilisation. This will include the rise and fall of the Mayans, key events, Mayan society, key artefacts and the number system.

### Art/DI

Our artwork will link to both our English and History this term. We will begin by using pastels to create our own dragons and then focus on Mayan art and sculpture.

### RE

We are looking at the Christian festival of Christmas and exploring what the true meaning of Christmas is.

### Spanish

The children will be continuing to build upon their vocabulary.

### PE

Our outdoor PE sessions will be led by external sports coaches alongside your child's teacher on a Monday. For Indoor PE, we will be covering gymnastics 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