



# Year 3

Newsletter to Parents

Summer Term 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful Easter break and are ready for a busy final term!

Once again, if you have a particular interest in or are knowledgeable in any of the topics outlined below, please do let us know if you would like to share your experiences and knowledge with the children.

### Beneath Our Feet

The topic for the first half term is Beneath Our Feet. This topic will cover a variety of curriculum areas but with a particular focus on Science and Geography. Physical geography will be the main theme throughout the topic as the children will be exploring and learning about volcanoes, earthquakes, mountains and how they affect those around them. The children will become scientists and paleontologists by investigating the formation of rocks and fossils.



### Picture This!

The topic for the second half term will be Picture This! This topic will have an emphasis on art, design and technology. The children will research famous artists, architects and designers considering their impact on the world around them. From this, the children will recreate and design their own pieces of art.

Towards the end of this topic, the children will create a gallery of their art pieces for parents to see. Dates and times of these class assemblies will follow soon.

### Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult regularly at home, preferably at least three times a week. Asking your children questions about the text will help them to develop their retrieval and deduction skills. These can be school books or any book of interest.



### Maths

Over the next term, we will be learning and exploring

- Fractions
- Measurement
- Adding and subtracting mentally (up to 3 digits)
- Using formal written methods to add and subtract

- Multiplying (2 digit numbers multiplied by 1 digit numbers)
- Dividing (2 digit numbers divided by 1 digit numbers)

### Home Learning

Weekly Home Learning will continue to be set on Thursdays and will need to be returned on the following Tuesday. This will be a mixture of maths and open ended questions that the children can respond to and present their ideas in any way they would like.

### Spellings

The children will be given a new set of spellings to learn every week. The spellings will continue to go out on a Tuesday and the children will be tested the following Tuesday. Spelling and phonics lessons in school will support the spellings given.

### Recorders

The children in Year 3 will be continuing with recorders this term. Mrs Watchorn has handed over the recorder baton! Both classes will be taught recorders on a Friday afternoon by their class teacher.



### Year 3 reminders:

1. Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school every day. This is particularly important now that the weather is warming up.
2. Home learning is set on a Thursday and due in on the following Tuesday. The expectation of home learning is that the children will spend around 30 minutes on the task.
3. Reading books and diaries need to be in school every day.
4. Children will need their PE kits in school on a Monday and Wednesday if in 3GM and on a Tuesday and Wednesday if in 3HS. We will be spending an increasing amount of time outside this term and would advise that PE kits are in school as often as possible. On hot, sunny days please provide your child with a cap.

Should you have any queries at all please feel free to speak to us. Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Mitchell and Miss Slaney.