

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Class 3AJ

Teachers – Mrs Alderson (Mon-Thurs)
Mrs Jimenez-Novoa (Wed-Fri)
TAs – Mr Bingham
Mrs Craddy (Thur & Fri)

Class 3GH

Teacher- Miss Huby
TA - Mrs Allpress

It is vital Children come to school every day and that they are on time. -ten to nine in the line!

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PE is every **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothes eg trainers, t-shirt and hoodie as some activities take place outdoors.

Maths and spellings homework will be sent home every Friday. It will need to be completed by the following Thursday. There will be a spelling test every Friday.

Reading books will be changed when the children have finished their book. Could you please make sure reading books and reading records are in school every day.

English and Reading

Each Friday, we will send home a list of spellings that we are working on together in class. We will be checking your child's progress every Friday. Please help your child to practise reading and writing these words every day. You can also log onto the 'Literacy Shed' website where you will find games and activities to support learning of the set spellings. This term, we will be reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and we will be focusing all our writing around this book. We will be working on many different genres of writing whilst providing lots of drama opportunities. The use of paragraphs, to organise ideas around a theme will be a strong focus, and we will continue to develop children's grammar and punctuation skills. We have a reading challenge which requires your child to read nine books from different genres such as classics and detective stories. When your child has read all nine books, they will be able to choose a book to take home from our special book vending machine!

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on developing a secure understanding of the place value of numbers up to 1000. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, where children will be introduced to using more formal methods of calculation, such as the columnar approach. We will however, continue to encourage the use of different equipment for support and as an aid to representing their understanding in a variety of ways. Children will continue to practise their reasoning and problem solving skills and will be encouraged to take part in daily challenges during maths lessons. Later this term, we will focus on learning formal methods for multiplication and division. Please continue to help your child practise their times tables. Every child will be given a username and password for the 'Timetables Rock stars' website. Please help them to log on so they can practise the tables set by their teachers. Every Friday, we will have a class times table champion who will represent our classes in the times table 'battle' during Friday's assembly.

Topic and Science

Our topic this term is 'volcanoes'. In this unit of work, we will research previous volcanic eruptions, the causes and the impact these have. We will be learning how to identify the parts of a volcano and how they are formed. We will also be looking the similarities and differences between volcanoes and mountains. Throughout History lessons, we will learn about the Roman city of Pompeii and the aftermath of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. As part of a DT project, children will be designing and making a healthy meal to serve to people that have been affected by a natural disaster such as a volcanic eruption.

In Science this term, we will be focusing on Animals including Humans. We will be learning about the different aspects of a healthy diet and learning the names of the bones in the human body. We will also be looking at joints and muscles of the body and learning about how they help us move.

PSHE and R.E.

R.E this term will focus around the question: What does it mean to be a Jew? This unit focuses on what it is like to be Jewish, exploring their beliefs about God, their traditions and festivals.

Our PSHE is based around the theme of Keeping Safe. We will begin by introducing class rules and reminding children of our school rules. Children will also get chance to be elected by their class, as a school council member.

Dates for your Diaries

Year 3 class assembly – Thursday 21st October at 9.40am

Friday 22nd October – Break up for half term.

Return to school on Monday 1st November.

Friday 17th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays.