








# Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 1 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable half term.  
The Spring Term will continue to be an exciting time for Year 3, with lots of engaging and interactive lessons, to develop their knowledge.

 <p>English</p>	<p>Our author for this term is <b>Oliver Jeffers</b>. We will be finding out about his life, during guided reading sessions. Here is a useful website: <a href="https://www.oliverjeffers.com/about">https://www.oliverjeffers.com/about</a></p> <p>This half term in year 3, we will be learning and writing about: <b>poetry and fiction (narrative)</b>. For our poetry unit, we will be looking at a poem called 'Colour Reunion' by Grace Nichols. We will be looking at the features of the poem and understanding its meaning. The children will be focusing on description and by the end of this unit, the children will have written their own poems. For our fiction unit, we will be looking at the key features of a finding tale. We will be focusing on character, openings and endings.</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>Our Class novel is <i>The Great Food Bank Heist</i> by Onjali Q. Rauf. During our independent reading time, the children will be able to explore other authors, such as: Hannah Gold, Anthony Browne, Joseph Coelho, Sharna Jackson and our 2019-2022 Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell. Please do allow your children to research these authors and read their books. I am more than happy to receive any projects that are completed at home. <a href="http://www.booktrust.org.uk">www.booktrust.org.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk">www.bbc.co.uk</a> have some lovely information about Cressida Cowell and her role as laureate.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>This term we will be focusing on all aspects of <b>Number</b> and looking at: <b>Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Statistics and Measurement (money)</b>. For support with definitions and explanations, go to <a href="https://www.mathsisfun.com">https://www.mathsisfun.com</a> To support your children with developing their fluency, we will be recapping the 3- and 6-times tables, including division facts. The children will also be learning the 4, 9 and 12 times tables. Please allow your child to log on to our recommended websites to practise their fluency, at least 2 times a week. <b>These websites have some fun interactive games to develop; their speed with touch-typing and fluency with times tables.</b> <a href="http://www.mathsframe.co.uk">www.mathsframe.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.trockstars.com">www.trockstars.com</a></p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>In Science, we will be learning about <b>Light</b>. We will be recognising the importance of light in order for us to see things. We will be understanding what happens when light reflects from surfaces and learning about the dangers of light that comes from the sun. For more information about this subject you can visit: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbsgk7">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbsgk7</a></p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, we will be learning about <b>Being Accountable and Living with Integrity/Being Loyal and Steadfast</b>. We will be thinking about how we can link the teaching to our own lives and ensure we strive to put into practice the things that we learn. Our focus religion will be Christianity and we will be exploring our Bible place, <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>In Computing this half term, the children will be learning about <b>Creating Media</b>. We will be learning about animation and using a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using a tablet. The children will be learning how to add other types of media to their animation, such as music and text. <b>For more information and to know how you can help your children stay safe, please look at this website.</b> <a href="http://www.internetmatters.org">http://www.internetmatters.org</a></p>
 <p>Art</p>	<p>Our Heritage Theme is, <b>Our World</b>. In Art, the children will be learning about Collage. We will be learning more about Henri Matisse and Paul Klee, who are some famous Collage artists. For more information, please go to: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/art-and-design-ks1-ks2-creating-a-collage-landscape/zfrfbdm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/art-and-design-ks1-ks2-creating-a-collage-landscape/zfrfbdm</a></p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>PE is taught by Mr Browne, on <b>Friday Afternoon</b>. <b>The focus for PE this half term is: Gymnastics and Dance.</b> The children will be learning different ways to balance and to put different movements into a sequence. Children need <b>full PE kit, which needs to include black shorts/leggings, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps.</b></p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p><b>Our unit for Music, this half term, is: How Does Music Make the World a Better Place?</b> This Unit of Work celebrates a wide range of musical styles. The children will learn through an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music, singing and playing instruments are all linked.. They will be listening and appraising, singing, playing instruments, improvising, composing and performing.</p>
 <p>Foreign Languages</p>	<p>Our Foreign Language focus is <b>Latin</b>. They will be learning parts of speech, adverb, verbs, nouns and then how to read and write simple sentences.</p>

## Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

## Homework

Homework will be uploaded onto Google Classroom each week. The children are expected to complete their homework weekly. If you have any difficulties with Google Classroom, please do come and speak to me.

We look forward to working with you this half term. If you have any queries or need any extra information, do not hesitate to see me before or after school  
Thank you.

Miss Williams and Miss Bibi