










# Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school term and welcome back to Year 3.

I hope you had a fantastic holiday and are ready for a busy half term ahead. Spring 2 term will 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 work during guided reading sessions. <a href="http://www.oliverjeffersworld.com/#home">http://www.oliverjeffersworld.com/#home</a> In writing, we will be continuing on our Finding tale - Ratpunzel with a focus on character descriptions and story endings. Please feel free to visit the following website so that children can become familiar with the key story plots. <a href="https://www.talk4writing.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Adapted_Generic_Story_Plots_MR2.pdf">https://www.talk4writing.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Adapted_Generic_Story_Plots_MR2.pdf</a></p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>Year 3 will be reading different genres of text to widen their knowledge and appreciation. We have some exciting opportunities for the children, this half term, as they will be meeting two authors: Karl Nova who is a fantastic poet and Jennifer Killick I do encourage you to research both these authors and familiarise yourselves with their work.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>This term we will be continuing focusing on fractions and then move on to statistics. For support with definitions and explanations, go to <a href="https://www.mathsisfun.com">https://www.mathsisfun.com</a> In year 3, the children are preparing for the times table test in year 4. To support children with developing their fluency children will be learning their 7, 12 tables, including division facts. Please allow your child to log on to our recommended websites to practise their fluency at least 2 times a week. <b>These have some fun interactive games to develop; their speed with touch typing and fluency with times tables.</b> Useful websites: <a href="http://mathsframe.co.uk">mathsframe.co.uk</a>, <a href="http://timestables.co.uk">timestables.co.uk</a> and <a href="http://trockstars.co.uk">trockstars.co.uk</a></p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>In <b>Science</b>, we will be learning about <b>Plants</b> There will have a knowledge organiser to study in preparation for lessons. In this unit, they will be learning about the parts of a plants and its function, the requirements of plants for life and growth, investigating how water is transported and exploring the life cycle of flowing plants.</p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, we will be learning about <b>Salvation and our Bible character is Jesus feeding the 5000 (Matthew 14: 14-21)</b> We will be thinking about how we can link the teaching to our own lives and to ensure we strive to put into practice the things that we learn. Our Focus Religion will be Christianity.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>In computing, this half term, the children will be learning how to touch-type and send emails They will also be retrieving knowledge from their coding unit and online safety unit. Please test your child with their knowledge organiser. There will be a focus on how to use the internet responsibly and how to keep safe. <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>Topic</p>	<p>Our Heritage Topic is, <b>Our Passions</b>. In History we will be learning about Ancient Egypt On Parents to School Day you are more than welcome to come and join in with our exciting day of lessons. For information please visit BBC bitesize to learn about this topic.</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>PE is taught by Mr Browne, on <b>Thursday afternoon</b>. Children need <b>full PE kit, which needs to include black shorts/leggings, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps.</b> <b>The focus of PE this half term is: Invasion Games (Hockey)</b> They will be learning key balances to preform routines and about the muscles of the body.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p><b>Our unit for music this half term is: The Dragon Song</b> All the learning is focused around learning this song and being able to play it on the glockenspiel. Children will learn through an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. They will be listening and appraising, singing, playing instruments, improvising, composing and performing. BBC bitesize has some short videos and quizzes about music, its composition and how it make you feel.</p>
<p>Modern Foreign Languages</p>	<p>This half term the children will be continuing learning Latin numbers and sentences. They will be continuing their learning of nouns from last term and forming 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 given out on **Fridays** and should be returned on **Tuesdays**.

Children will also be given additional homework during the term to support class lessons.

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.

**Ms. Griffith and Miss Pringle**