

Year 3 Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to Holy Trinity

We would like to welcome you all back and we hope you have had a fantastic summer break. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to what we are sure will be a great autumn term.

This newsletter contains information about what you should expect from the Autumn term. In the event of the information or topics changing, I will notify you by letter.

If at any time you have any questions or you are unsure of anything, please ask or contact the office and an appointment can be made for a convenient time.

What does learning look like in year 3?

The children will be learning about a variety of different subjects throughout this term. Mathematics and English are taught daily, as is guided reading and handwriting. If a Mathematics lesson is omitted due to a literacy day, additional mathematics will be taught throughout the week and vice-versa.

Mathematics

In addition to the statutory mathematics being taught, the children will be completing new mental maths tests. These cover all areas of the National Curriculum.

The children will need to learn their times tables which now consist of 0 to 12 times in accordance with the National Curriculum. However it is important the children apply this knowledge in their daily mathematics lessons and do not just learn them for the tests. Therefore I suggest you randomly ask your child times tables whilst driving, walking to school... to keep this knowledge fresh in their minds.

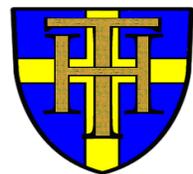
English

In literacy the children are learning about contemporary stories. They will be using these to create their own stories as well as looking at the structure of these stories. The grammar focus will be structuring narrative in paragraphs.

In the second half of the autumn term, we are planning to focus on instruction writing and creating their own sets of instructions.

Important reminders

- Please make sure any money sent into school is in a labeled envelope.
- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.
- Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
- Homework will consist of reading, spelling, Maths and a project. Please complete the homework by the deadlines set.
- Please listen to your child read every day.



Our motto is:

Alta Pete – Aim High

"The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives."



Science

In the autumn term the children will be learning about Plants and Animals including humans. The first topic will be Plants, looking at what they need to grow and be healthy. We will then be looking at what our bodies need to grow and be healthy. We will also be looking at the different bones in our bodies.

Physical Development

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Tyrrell and Thursday afternoon with Miss Plant. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every day as sometimes the lesson times could change due to special events. Children are required to remove or cover earrings for all PE lessons. It is preferred that children have a black pair of trainers and navy blue/black jogging bottoms included in their PE kit as some PE lessons will take place outside.

Foundation Subjects

We are learning about Hinduism in RE this half term looking at Diwali. Then we will be looking at Christianity and the Christmas story.

Our current topic is the Stone Age to the Iron Age. As this covers a large period of time, we will be doing this for the whole term. We will be looking at how the people lived and the differences between the three periods of time.

Homework

Homework is given out on a Friday and should be completed by Tuesday of the following week. The homework is given to develop an effective partnership between home and school. It has many aims but primarily it is to **consolidate and reinforce skills** and understanding in English and Mathematics. It may also extend learning through research and investigation.

The task set is the responsibility of the child with the support of parents. Homework encourages independence and responsibility in the children. The Reading Records are also important, so please sign it and write comments. Ideally each child should **read** at home at least **3 times a week**.

Homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spelling, weekly Mathematics and a half termly project. Please complete the homework by the deadlines set. If your child is unable to complete the homework or requires support with it, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Tyrrell before it's due.

Clubs

Fun Football and The Choir are continuing; see the office for details. If more clubs become available you will be notified by a separate letter.

We hope this year will be exciting as well as educational for your children and I hope this information has been helpful.

The Year 3 team - Mrs Tyrrell, Mrs Stickler and Mrs Smith.

