

### Class Three Autumn Letter

Dear parents and carers,

As we begin a new and exciting school year, Mrs Dixon and I would like to share with you our plans for the year.

The children have settled so well into class three at the start of this term. I am thrilled with their positive attitude and enthusiasm. I am sure we will have a very productive year!

During this term Mrs Dixon will be leading focus groups three mornings a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). The focus will be either maths or English and children of all abilities will be included in these group sessions. Mrs Dixon will also be introducing our weekly SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) learning objectives on Monday mornings to the whole class.

As you will see from the timetable, further SPaG sessions take place three times a week, with reading comprehension being a focus on Thursday mornings and handwriting the focus on Friday afternoons. There will be three 'guided reading' sessions per week with children working in ability groups to share their enjoyment and understanding of a variety of texts. In KS2 it is essential that children regularly practise their reading, even when they are fluent readers. Reading a wide variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry not only aids progress in reading but subsequently provides stimuli for writing tasks.

Children will be given a list of spellings once every two weeks and there will be a spelling test after this two-week period. All children will have the opportunity to practise these in school time. We expect children to regularly practise their spellings at home.

On Monday afternoons, year 3 children will join Mrs Philpotts and year 4 children will join Mrs Roberts for art/ design lessons. Children will study different artists and complete tasks using a wide variety of mediums.

Maths lessons on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be based on number work including calculations and problem-solving activities, using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Tuesday's maths lesson will focus on the geometry and measure aspects of maths.

In English this term we will be focusing on 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes, we will look at the structure of this wonderful story using our SPaG knowledge to unpick sentence structure as well as using the story as inspiration for various drama and writing tasks. Work covered during the week in maths and English will be outlined in the homework books in order for you to be able to help your child consolidate their learning at home. If any difficulties arise please don't hesitate to come and see myself or Mrs Dixon.

'States of matter' is the focus for this term's Science lessons. We will be investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases through practical and research-based activities. I'm sure that this will spark the curiosity of many children in class 3!

Children will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain in History this term. In Geography will be learning about European capital cities- linking nicely with our History work on the Romans. During these 'topic' lessons there will be many opportunities for creativity and computer skills.

Computing this term will involve children recapping basic word processing skills, such as changing font, colour and size of text. The focus for this term's RE will be Christianity; exploring festivals and comparing the celebrations with those of other religions.

In PE dance lessons we will create motifs and sequences leading towards a group performance on the subject of states of matter, linking with our work in science. This will be echoed in music lessons, where we will create compositions using the tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

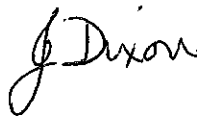
On Thursday mornings Adriano will continue to coach children in a variety of sports beginning with football/tag rugby. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and all items are clearly labelled. They should have warm clothing when the weather turns colder (joggers and sweatshirts).

In the mornings, book bag boxes will be outside on benches for children to place their book bags in. Children can leave their lunch boxes and drinks bottles in the trolley outside. It would be appreciated if children did not come up the stairs into the classroom before school as teachers are preparing. If you have an urgent need to speak to myself or Mrs Dixon we will be available from 8.45 am. However, if you wish to discuss more general issues we would appreciate it if you could make an appointment after school at our mutual convenience.

Many thanks for your support.



Miss A Quigley



Mrs J Dixon

We include a copy of Class 3's timetable.