



Class Three Spring Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed a relaxing time with your families and friends. As we begin this new term, Mrs Dixon and I would like to share our plans for this term.

During this term, Mrs Dixon will continue to lead focus groups on three mornings each week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). The focus of these sessions will either be maths or English.

Sentence structure, spelling and punctuation will be our SPaG focus this term. Children may work in groups to consolidate aspects of SPaG which are proving challenging for them. It is imperative that all children feel confident and achieve a good level of understanding in this subject. In every lesson children are encouraged to 'do their best'.

Our main narrative in English will be 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White. We will use this story to practise 'up-levelling' our writing, using what we have learnt in our SPaG lessons, as well as completing creative writing tasks.

In Maths this term, as well as continuing work on the four operations, we will begin to focus on fractions and decimals, as well statistics in geometry.

'Living things, animal habitats and plants' will be the topic for this term's science lessons.

Children will have the opportunity to use and further develop their investigative and research skills in these sessions.

Geography this term will focus on map reading (using grid references and keys) and field work activities.

Mrs Dixon will lead forest school sessions, with class 3 on Tuesday 22nd January, Tuesday 29th January, Wednesday 6th February and Tuesday 12th February. Cross-curricular links will be made in Science, Geography and Maths. Children need to bring appropriate warm clothing to school on these dates, such as joggers, jumpers, wellies, waterproof coats, hats and gloves. These should be in a named bag.

On Thursday mornings, Adriano will continue to coach children in a variety of sports beginning with netball, and moving on to cricket and tennis. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school (including a warm jumper and joggers) and that all items are clearly named. Children in class 3 are encouraged to show responsibility and independence regarding their own possessions in school.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis, as well as to practise their times tables (1 to 12). In lower key stage two it is essential that children feel confident with their times table knowledge, as this will help them in other areas of their mathematical learning. Homework will continue with Maths activities connected to what we have been learning in class. There may also be some opportunities to develop story and poetry writing skills at home. As started earlier, we will be working intensively in class on learning spelling rules in order that children may use these more consistently in their writing. Mrs Dixon and I are happy to discuss any concerns with you, however small they may be. 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 continued support

Miss A Quigley

Mrs J Dixon