



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed spending time with your families. As we start this new school year, I would like to share with you my plans.

The children have settled in well over the last few days and have shown great enthusiasm and positivity towards returning to school.

### **English**

In English this term children will consolidate key writing skills using our class narrative 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will use this story as inspiration for many creative writing tasks, including letter, newspaper and diary writing. Sections of the story will be used as a focus for grammar lessons. During the first few weeks of term we will use this text to help enhance children's basic knowledge of sentence structure, word groups and punctuation. Each week our spelling lessons will focus on different rules and groups of words that will help Class 3 to build their vocabulary and confidence with spelling. A selection of words from the 'Statutory Word List' and from children's own writing will be used in a 'spelling test' each week with the intention of increasing children's resilience with spelling.

### **Reading**

Reading is an extremely important part of children's development, please continue to encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis. If you have the chance to listen to your child read, please record this in their reading record.

### **Maths**

In Maths this term, children will consolidate their knowledge of place value, multiplication and division, including multiplying and dividing numbers up to 3-digits. Children will consolidate their addition and subtraction of 1-digit, 2-digit and 3-digit numbers and properties of shape and measures (cm, m, ml). There will be time each week for children to practise their times tables in class. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables (1 to 12) at home. 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.

### **Science**

Light and electricity will be our focus in Science during the Autumn term. Children will learn about light, dark, shadows, eclipses, electrical circuits and more. Children will explore this topic through practical activities. I hope this topic will spark curiosity and excitement for many children in Class 3.

### **History and Geography**

In History this term, we will be learning about the Romans, we will use this topic to enhance and develop non-chronological writing skills. Children will use computers, iPads and books to help them discover key information. Children will be creating posters, fact files and reports about this topic, as well as artwork. This topic will provide inspiration for reading and writing activities.

Children will locate various places in Europe that were important to the Romans using maps of the world.



**Art**

This term children will create a variety of artwork including art inspired by the Romans. They will be using charcoal, chalk, paint and much more over the term.

**Computing**

E-safety and using the internet confidently will be our aim this term in computing sessions. Children will learn how search engines work and how they can stay safe when using them.

**Music**

Children will look at music composed by Vivaldi; they will use a variety of percussion and tuned instruments to create pieces of music.

**RE**

In RE children will discover more about Christianity, and other religions, including Hinduism through exploring texts and symbols important in these religions.

**PE and Forest School**

On Wednesday afternoons, Adriano will coach the children in a variety of sports. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school (including a jumper and joggers for any cold weather) and that all items are clearly labelled. Class 3 will also need PE kit for Tuesday afternoons.

Forest school will take place every other Thursday afternoon starting from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child brings wellies and suitable clothing including a long sleeve top and waterproof items into school on these days.

I am more than happy to discuss any concerns with you, however small they may be. If you have an urgent need to speak to me, I will be available from 8:45 am. If you wish to discuss more general issues please could you make an appointment after school at our mutual convenience.

Many thanks for your support.

Miss A Quigley