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The smallest of all seeds becomes the largest of the garden plants

Newsletter – Autumn 2 Year 3 Mrs Legender and Mr Stokes.

Mathematics

In Autumn 2 we will be focusing on: Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. This will allow pupils to build on a strong foundation throughout Year 3. When solving multiplication and division calculations, children will use a range of concrete resources before progressing to using pictorial representations. This aims to prepare children for the spring block of learning, which involves formal written methods. Children will build on their mental skills throughout, using the rule of commutativity, doubling and inverse to solve multiplication and division calculations.

English

This term we will begin our writing units based on the text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children will learn how to structure an acrostic poem and will then write their own acrostic poem based on the text. Following this, the children will learn how to use noun phrases, similes and metaphors to describe a character's appearance, personality, actions, thoughts and feelings.

We will continue to have our weekly spelling test on a Friday. New spellings will be sent out after each spelling test.

Science

Pupils explore magnetism and non-contact forces, suspending magnetic items in mid-air under the influence of magnetic forces. They test materials for magnetic properties and think about what materials are magnetic. They describe the properties of a magnet in simple terms and learn about their uses.

French

Unit- Animals

In this unit pupils will learn 10 familiar animals and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb 'I am' in the foreign language.

PSHCE

The children will learn about e-safety, keeping information private and using the internet sensibly and safely. The children will also explore gender stereotypes this term, learning how genders are portrayed can influence people's ideas of others.

PE

During this term the children will be working on gymnastics including balances, movement and different ways of travelling. The children will also learn how to move in canon and in unison.

Religious Education

Why is Christmas a winter festival?
The children will learn why light features in winter festivals. They will also discuss why the birth of Jesus is celebrated in winter.

History/Geography

What was life like in a prehistoric world? The children will learn about life in the stone age.
What is it like to live in the shadow of a mountain?
The children will learn the features of mountains, including volcanoes.

Useful Information

Reading – We aim for the children to read at home at least 3 times per week. Once they have read 15 times, they receive a prize and are entered into a prize draw.

Homework – The children should be practising spellings and Times Tables daily. This is in preparation for tests on a Friday. SeeSaw homework will be based around the current topic the children are learning about. If you require paper copies of any homework, put onto SeeSaw, please let the class teacher know.

PE – Our PE days will now be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please be reminded that the children require both an indoor and outdoor PE kit, this includes plimsoles for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor. See our school uniform policy on the website.

Class Novel – This half term we will be reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. This will be the stimulus for our Writing this half term too.

Online Resources – The children have access to Times Tables Rockstars which they should be completing at least 21 minutes per week of. To improve the children's number bond skills, we also recommend the game 'Hit the Button' which can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Thank you for your support. If you have any other questions, please contact the relevant class teacher through the office.

The Year 3 Team.