

# YEAR 3 NEWS

## Autumn 2 – October 2020

### Half Term Already!

Wow! We cannot believe that we are at half term already! This half term has certainly flown by and we have all had to do lots of adjusting to get used to our 'new normal' in school. The children have truly done so incredibly well with learning the new 'Covid-Safe' routines and systems that we have in place. They have also worked exceptionally hard. We are very proud of them all. Thank you for all of your support with this too. We hope that you have a lovely rest next week and we look forward to speaking to you all for our Parents Evening telephone call during the first two weeks of next half term.

### At Home

**Homework:** We have been delighted with the efforts that all of the children have put into the homework tasks this half term. We do not set homework during the holidays, but we ask that you read at least 3 times and try to complete at least 30 minutes on Maths Whizz. After half term homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday after the books have had 72 hours in quarantine and we would appreciate them being handed back in on a Monday.

**Maths Whizz:** our target is for them to use it on average around 90 minutes each week. We will be doing a little work on Maths Whizz in school, along with use of [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) which is super times tables practice in line with the style of the Year 4 national times tables test that your child will be required to sit next year. As much practice as possible is essential as full marks are required in this test to gain a pass mark!

**Reading:** It is extremely important to try to read regularly, so that the children can continue to build on their skills as a reader. To get their weekly merit sticker, the reading record book must be signed, by an adult, **at least**, three times a week.

**Finally, just as a reminder, it is the child's responsibility to ensure any letters, homework and reading books to be changed are handed in to their teacher.**

### Google Classroom for Year 3

This is constantly being added to and has been developed to support learning at home when needed due to being unable to attend school. The children all have a log in for this. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that there is not a photograph of your child uploaded next to their name, for safety reasons. The content can be used to reinforce learning in school if you and your child wish as well.

### Our Lessons

As you will have seen on our timetable, we have altered our focus from a topic based approach to one of subjects. The lessons have all been refreshed and updated, so it is an exciting time for us all.

**English** – The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy

**Maths** – Addition and Subtraction

**Science** – Light

**R.E.** – Christianity

**PSHE** – My Feelings

**Geography** – Mountains, Volcanoes & Earthquakes/  
Building Locational Knowledge (Europe)

**D/T** – Abracadabra!

**Computing** – Staying Safe Online

**PE** – Co-ordination Skills

**Plus** French, Handwriting, Times Tables and Guided Reading!

### It is Getting Colder!

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that the children have a warm, waterproof coat with them every day. We do go outside in light rain at playtimes. We also advise 'layering up' where uniform is concerned as we will be continuing to have windows and doors open when we can for good ventilation.

### P.E.

P.E. lessons will continue to be on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Please can the children arrive in school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. Please bear in mind that lessons may continue in light rain and that the doors and windows are open as much as possible, so a long-sleeved top and long P.E. trousers are preferable to shorts and a t-shirt. These should be in line with our uniform policy please.

### School Clubs

We hope that you saw the Parent Mail that went out on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October about these. We would love to see lots of children coming along to our Year 3 Book Club!

### Questions, Queries and Concerns

If you have any queries or concerns, please either telephone or E-Mail the office who will forward it as appropriate and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support, Miss Helen West and Mrs Suzanne McCaig.

**Take care, stay safe and enjoy some lovely family time over the holidays. Thank you to you and your children for a wonderful start to this school year.**