

Class 3 Curriculum Letter



Autumn 2017

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely summer!



English: We are starting off the term by looking at Adventure Stories. We will be using the Pixar film 'Up' as our inspiration and the children will be developing their creative writing skills linked to this with a focus on adjectives, expanded noun phrases, adverbs and different types of punctuation, including commas and inverted commas. We will then move onto writing Information Texts linked to different explorers. Throughout the rest of the term we will be doing some work on Poetry, Traditional Tales, Newspaper Reports and Letter Writing.

Maths: We will begin the term by learning about place value to ensure children have a foundational understanding before moving onto the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be applying what we have learned to measurement including money. We will also be covering fractions and the properties of 2D shape within this term.

Science: Our topic for this term is 'Uses of Everyday Materials'. The children will be discussing material properties and how this is effective in what they are used for. We will be carrying out a number of different investigations, including finding out which materials would be suitable for an explorers mode of transport.

History: Our topic this term is called 'One Small Step' which is all about significant people from the past, focusing on famous explorers. The children will learn what an explorer does, the equipment they need and will learn about the lives of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, thinking about the importance of their expeditions.

RE: We will begin the term by studying another faith— Islam. The children will learn the key beliefs of Islam as well as learning about special festivals, places of worship and symbols. In the second half of the term our topic will be 'Incarnation' where the children will learn about Jesus and link this to the Christmas story.

Art: Our artwork this term will be linked to Explorer topic as well as our science where children will be learning how wax can be used effectively in artwork.

Computing: We will be learning some word-processing skills this term, ensuring we know how to use Microsoft Word, Publisher and PowerPoint effectively.

French: The children will be learning ways to greet each other and ask questions to find out about one another. We will also be learning how to say the numbers 1—20.

PE: Our PE lessons this term will be on a **Thursday and Friday**. The children will be having a gym/dance session and a games session once a week. As always, it is important your child has both a full indoor and outdoor kit in school so that they are prepared for all types of weather.

PSHE: We will be looking at 'new beginnings' at the start of the term as well as looking at friendships and targets for the year.

Spellings: Spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday as usual. Particularly at this point in the year, it is important to revise spelling strategies taught previously to begin with so please bear this in mind when your child receives their weekly spellings. It is important for children to not only learn their weekly spellings for the test but to apply the strategies they have learned in their independent writing. We will have specific spelling lessons on a Friday morning but the children will be reminded of spelling in all pieces of work.

Homework: Homework will be given out every other week throughout the term and can be linked to any area of the curriculum. Please ensure you read the Class 3 weekly updates every Friday on our school website in order to keep up to date with what has been covered each week in case you would like to further support your child at home.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and bringing all of the above to life in the classroom! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me. Kind regards, Miss Barratt.