

# Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn 2021

**Maths:** the children will be securing their knowledge of place value and applying this knowledge when working on strategies for both mental and written calculations. They will develop their understanding of the four mathematical operations and continue to learn how to apply their knowledge to real-life situations and problem solving. Quick recall of the required times tables and number facts such as number bonds to 100 and 1000 is also important.

**English:** this term we will be learning about fables, recounts, poetry and non-chronological reports. The children will have the opportunity to study a wide range of texts and to write in a variety of styles. Each day, we will have a grammar or punctuation focus and the children will be encouraged to apply their understanding to their writing. Whole class reading sessions will take place throughout the week, during which we will focus on fluency and expression, developing vocabulary, comprehension of a range of texts and spelling patterns.

## Topic: It's All Greek To Me!

This term, our topic will focus on Ancient Greece. We will be looking at how the ancient Greeks lived their lives and compare that with modern Greece. The topic will encompass many areas of the Curriculum.

**Geography:** whilst studying mapping this term, we will be concentrating on using the eight points of a compass, grid references, symbols and keys. The children will also be considering the location of Greece in relation to the United Kingdom.

**History:** we will be investigating many areas of Ancient Greek life, including cultural aspects and their impact on modern life. The children will use a range of artefacts e.g; ancient Greek pottery to develop their understanding of the work of historians.

**Art and Design Technology:** whilst studying art from different cultures, our focus will be on sculpture in the form of Greek style pottery. In DT we will be looking at structures of frames and the children will be using a variety of different materials to create a photograph frame with modern Greece as a theme.

**Science:** this term, our work will be on light and sound. We will consider sources of light and observe how shadows are formed. The children will investigate how shadows change. Next half-term, we will focus on how sound is created and how we are able to hear sounds.

**Computing:** the children will recap and develop their basic computing skills including creating, editing and saving a word document. They will also be considering online safety to enable them to use technology safely. We will be using 'Microsoft Power Point' to present information about the ancient Greeks.

**Music:** the children will be learning about the names of the notes and the value of each of the notes (crotchet, quaver and minim). We will be focussing on the Greek composer and singer, Vangelis.

**French:** the children will begin to learn French this term with a focus on the basic greetings, numbers and colours.

**HRE:** our theme will be 'keeping safe' and we will be thinking about our mental health, online safety, rules and the concept of confidentiality.



All children should read at home for 15 minutes **every day**. Please ensure that reading records are completed each day and questions are asked to the children to ensure they understand what they have read.

Children should also practise their times tables at home several times each week, including the use of Times Table Rockstars to support their learning. Children should already have quick recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times table and we will be progressing further this year and learning the 3s, 4s and 8s.

**Homework** is given out on Fridays. Please ensure that your child brings their completed homework to school by the following Tuesday. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday each week. The children will be tested on their times tables on a Thursday (3A) or a Friday (3C). The children should practise their spellings and times tables in preparation for these.

Each child will receive two pieces of homework each week, one for maths and one for English.

Maths homework should be completed in pencil and English homework should be completed in **BLUE** pen only.

**PE** will be taught on a Monday and Thursday. This term Year 3 will be supported by Mr Mussachio, our sports coach to focus on developing skills and promoting an active lifestyle to all pupils.

**Religious Education:** the children will be comparing the Muslim and Christian faiths in respect of rules.