



# Year 3

## Half Termly Update

### Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a warm welcome to all of our new parents and children from the Year 3 team! Year 3 is a wonderful year where children start Key Stage 2 and make big leaps in their reading, writing, maths and as learners all round. The Year 3 team are really looking forward to working with the young learners and joining them on their educational journey. PE days in Year 3 are on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit. We look forward to meeting you all in the Parent Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### English -Writing

As we start our year, the children will be writing pieces based on a fantastic book called Supertato.

This wonderful superhero book provides a great base for the children to write their own story using interesting adjectives and exciting verbs. Children will compose and rehearse orally. We will be working on developing sentences and describing the character and the setting. If we are very lucky, one of our superheroes might even pay us a visit!

#### English -Reading

We will be reading two excellent books this half term. The first is The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark and the second is The Emperor Who Built the Great Wall.

In Year 3, we will be focusing on the children's comprehensions skills, making sure that not only can they say the words but also that they understand what they are reading. Children will listen to and read the book and respond to questions as well as take part in class discussions. Please also ask your children questions about the books they are reading at home.

#### Maths

At the beginning of the year we will be revising and building important foundations for the year ahead. This half term the children will be looking at place value (hundreds, tens and ones) and addition and subtraction (all the way up to 3 digits). The children will start by refreshing their mental addition and subtraction strategies, before moving on to written ones, using formal methods such as the column method.

## Science

In Science this half term we will be learning about Rocks and Soil. We will be learning all about the different rock types that surround us and that soil is not just mud! Year 3 will sort, group and compare different rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. We will then move on to learning about the different types of erosion and how fossils are made. Children will make careful observations and ask questions.

## Geography

Our Geography focus this half term is on the continent of Asia. First, the children will learn about the seven continents of the Earth, the equator and Earth's the hemispheres. We will then zoom into Asia using internet maps and compare a city in Asia to our own home of London.

Finally, the children will look at the human's impact on the world around them.

## PSHCE

In PSHCE Year 3 will set personal and class goals for this half term, the whole term and the whole school year. They will then focus on celebrating their achievements. They will also learn about dealing with negative comments, positive ways to deal with setbacks and how to help support others.

## P.E.

As part of their PE lessons, Year 3 will learn how to trust and work as part of a team, supporting their other team members to complete tasks. Year 3 will work on their language skills to communicate effectively with their teammates and jointly solve problems using reasoning. There will also be a focus on safety, when moving apparatus, making sure that they each carry objects in a safe way.

## Music

In their Music lessons this half term, the children will be learning to use their voice with our Music teacher Lena. We will explore the different rhythms. Children will take part in call and response activities and practise creating different sounds.

## Homework

Homework is given out weekly and children must complete their spellings, Doodle Maths and one piece of homework each week from the homework grid. Please see the Homework grids in the homework books.

