



# Year 3

## Half Termly Update

### Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to another exciting half term in Year 3. In this update you will find out what your child will be learning this term. PE days will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit to change into. We are planning an exciting trip to the Science Museum this term and more details will follow. Please ensure Doodle Maths is completed with your child. It is important that they are reading daily for at least 20 minutes. Reading has astonishing benefits including improved focus, increased vocabulary and helps develop a super imagination!

#### **English -Writing**

Year 3 is reading *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. We will be writing a letter in character and also writing an exciting story about turning into different animals and describing the dramatic changes.

In Year 3 we are really focusing on using full sentences so please ask your children to share sentence rules and discuss their ideas! We will develop our ideas in lessons, study models and think carefully about interesting vocabulary we can use. We will then develop our drafting and editing skills.

#### **English -Reading**

Linked to our writing, Year 3 will continue reading *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. Our reading skills are really improving and we are becoming retrieval superstars! We will read, listen to and discuss the events and the characters in the book and complete a range of activities in class.

Other children in Year 3 are carrying on with their Phonics and are already showing great progress. Your child should bring home their Phonics book and read it with you every night.

#### **Maths**

In the opening two weeks of this half term in Maths, we will be focusing on solidifying our knowledge of addition and subtraction. The children will be practicing exchanging numbers using column method, which will be important for their assessments. Following this, we will be moving on to multiplication and division, using both mental and formal written methods to solve problems.

The children will also be refreshing their memory of fractions, ensuring they are feeling confident when answering fraction-related questions during their end of term assessment. We will have a full week at the end of the term to recap any prior learning and we get plenty of practice in answering reasoning questions.

## **Science**

Our Science topic this half term is a very exciting one as we are looking at Forces and Magnets. This will give us the chance to explore and investigate magnets and forces. We will be working as a scientist to explore how forces need contact between 2 objects but magnetic forces can act at a distance. We will discuss how magnets attract and repel each other and attract some material and not other materials. We will describe how magnets have 2 poles which are the north pole and the south pole and make predictions about which poles will attract or repel each other depending on which way they are facing. Finally, we will create or own games using magnets.

## **Music**

In Music, children will learn to create simple rhythmical patterns using a small range of notes. They will then begin to join simple layers of sound, to make a background rhythm or a solo melody. Children in Year 3 are learning to play the recorder and will learn to play different notes and follow different patterns of notes.

## **Homework**

Spelling homework is given out weekly and children must complete their spellings. Children need to read at home every day, and write a comment in their reading diary. Doodle Maths can be accessed every day and children should all aim to stay in the 'Green zone' at all times. Please complete one piece of extra homework each week linked to the homework grids and we look forward to seeing science Projects as well!

## **History**

This half term's history topic is Ancient Egypt. The children will be studying the lives of Ancient Egyptians over 5000 years ago through an introduction to their most significant traditions and cultural features. They will be learning about how different kinds of evidence ( for example primary and secondary evidence of pyramids, hieroglyphics and artefacts) can be used by archaeologists to uncover the secrets of civilisations such as Ancient Egypt. They will be learning about the Pharaohs, The River Nile and the tradition of mummification, studying their significance within Ancient Egyptian society.

## **R.E.**

In RE we will continue to look at what different religions believe about God and understanding the key aspects of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faith.

## **P.E.**

This half term the child will use their own ideas and create their own movements to solve a task. They will also choose, evaluate and adapt sequences of movements to suit different situations. The children will also begin to identify different muscle groups and what they do.