



# Year 3

## Half Termly Update

### Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

Firstly, a warm welcome to all of our new parents and children from the Year 3 team!

The Year 3 team are really looking forward to continuing working with such a kind and caring bunch of young learners and joining them on their educational journey.

#### English -Writing

As we start the new Year, the children will be writing pieces based on two fantastic books.

The first is *The Tinder Box*, a short fantasy story. The second text is a longer text and part of series of books, *The Worst Witch*. These wonderful fantasy books provide a great base for the children to write their own stories using interesting adjectives and exciting verbs. It is also a good chance to show off the grammar skills that we have learned.

#### English -Reading

In reading, we will be reading two excellent books this half term. The first is *The Worst Witch* by *Jill Murphy* and the second is *Mr Majeika* by *Humphrey Carpenter*.

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. 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 multiplication and division, money and statistics.

The children will start by refreshing their multiplication and division strategies and then move onto multiplying 1 digit by 2 digits. We will be using the grid method and number line to show our understanding.

## Science

In Science this half term we will be looking at Investigations and we will be going on a trip to the Science museum to consolidate what we have learned so far and explore some of our new topics coming up. We will be learning all about different famous scientists and completing our own investigations in class. We will create our very own invisible ink and write messages to the people we love. This is only one of the fantastic investigations we will take part in this Spring term.

## Music

In their Music lessons this half term, the children will be singing in unison and becoming aware of pitch. They will be performing together and focusing on rhythm and how to use it.

## Homework

Homework is given out weekly and children must complete their spellings, Doodle Maths and one piece of Topic homework each week.

## 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 coordination and improve their multitasking skills. They will be using different sized balls, starting with smaller balls and then working their way up to bigger balls, developing their control and fine motor skills.

## History

Our History focus this half term is on the Stone Age. First, we will be doing cave paintings. Then, the children will learn about the daily life of people living in the Stone Age. The children will become hunter gatherers and investigate how prehistoric people got their food. Then, they will investigate the houses and villages Stone Age people lived in and comparing Stone Age life to life today.

## PSHCE

In PSHCE Year 3 will focusing on keeping safe and managing risk. The words we will be using are: See it. Say it. Stop it. Our displays headings are: Who Am I?  
We will be looking at what makes us who we are. Our likes and dislikes. Our culture and our traditions. Please look at your own family history with your children so they understand what makes them who they are.