

## **Curriculum Newsletter – Year 3 – Autumn Term 2015**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 3! We very much hope that your son/daughter will enjoy the year and have a happy and productive time with us. We are linking our literacy with geography this term and finding out all about Europe. We will also be reading Roald Dahl's, 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' and Eoin Colfer's book, 'Spud Murphy'.

### **Mathematics**

Pupils will continue to be taught in class groups and will spend time developing and extending their mental and written strategies, learning number bonds (i.e.  $24 + 16 = 40$ ), place value, shapes and measures. We are going to have a particular focus on times tables, getting the children to have quick recall of their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables.

### **Literacy**

Following on from our focus on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and other Roald Dahl books, we will be learning about how amazing authors (including poets) have the power to change the way we feel, particularly in their description of characters and settings. Our non-fiction unit on report writing will also be linked to geography and writing fact files about various countries and cities. Your child will carry on practising and using joined handwriting and developing their spelling strategies. Reading will obviously be central in their understanding of the power of words and a home reading scheme book will be sent home with your child twice a week. More details about this will be sent in a separate letter.

### **Science**

In Science, we will be learning all about plants, the function of each part and learning about pollination, germination and seed dispersal.

**Geography:** Children will be finding out about Europe, some of the capital cities, looking at some of the major rivers of Europe and using atlases to help them locate various countries.

### **History**

In History we will be looking at the local area but concentrating on World War 2, and in particular the Blitz, rationing and the evacuation of London children.

### **RE**

The children will be finding out about the life of Jesus and why the Bible is important to Christians.

### **DT**

We will be looking at packaging and linking our DT with literacy and designing a package for the sweets that the children will describe in literacy, as part of their work on Roald Dahl's, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

### **COMPUTING**

The use of computing skills will be developed across all areas of the curriculum, especially literacy and geography, focusing on combining text with pictures. E-safety is also taught at an age appropriate level.

### **P.E.**

This term during indoor PE the children will focus on increasing their gymnastics skills and Invasion Games for outdoor PE.

### **PHSE**

PPJS is a UNICEF Rights Respecting Level 2 Awarded School. We will be learning about United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child making sure children know what their rights are and how they can ensure everyone has access to their rights. We will also focus on good relationships and friendship.

### **French**

The children will begin French, developing vocabulary and simple sentences to tell someone about themselves.

### **Music**

Our topic in Music is pulse and rhythm and throughout the year each class will have a term of additional weekly brass session with a peripatetic teacher.

### **Homework**

Your child will be set homework **every week.** (on Tuesdays) This will include:

1. Numeracy.
2. Literacy.
3. Spellings to learn.
4. An additional activity to do at home.

A letter will be sent with the homework each week to explain.

We provide a homework club every Wednesday lunch-time for the children who prefer to do some of it at school with support.

### **School Trip**

The children will be visiting the RAF Museum in Hendon this term, (a letter will be sent out shortly) to fit in with our focus on World War 2.

School newsletters will continue to be sent home on a regular basis to keep you informed of current and upcoming events. Could you please discuss the Home School Agreement in the link book with your child and both sign it. Any messages will be put into your child's link book (red) and their homework written in each week. Please feel free to send a message about absence or any other matter via the link book.

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to meeting you and working with you throughout the year.

*Regards*

*Miss Bunce   Mrs van Straaten   Miss Machicado   Mrs Davies*