



## Year 3 - Advent Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a lovely relaxing half term. We have a very busy half term as we approach Advent and Christmas.

### English

This half term our **writing** will focus on the book 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs. We will write a narrative, letters, instructions, comic strips and adverts. It is a very comical story which we are sure the children will enjoy.

In **grammar** we will be looking at the use of a/an; determiners; how to use conjunction to express time, place and cause and subordinating conjunctions

In **reading** we continue guided reading in school and give time for the children to read independently. Please use the Active Learn Bug Club for the children to read books at their book band level. We can see the children's progress and the system has been set up to add a new book once one has been completed and all questions answered.

In **spelling** we continue learning the Year 3/4 words and learn about adding suffixes beginning with a vowel and about words ending in 'ure'

### Science

In our rocks and soils topic, we will look at the different types of rocks and how they are formed: compare and group rocks, describe in simple terms how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made rock and organic matter.

### Maths

We are concentrating on the following areas of maths this half term.

Addition and Subtraction

- Add 2 digit and 3 digit numbers
- Subtract 2-digit number from a 3-digit number
- Complements to 1000
- Estimate answers
- Inverse operations

Multiplication and division

- Consolidate our knowledge of the 2,5 and 10 times tables
- We will multiply and divide using 3,4,and 8 times tables and learn these tables.

We continue practising fluency, problem solving and reasoning in all our maths lessons.

We will also continue our practice of mental maths and arithmetic and will have time to consolidate our skills learnt this term.

### RE

We have started our Baptism and Confirmation theme 'Promises' which we will continue before spending one week exploring the other faith of Judaism. Our final topic during the Advent Term is 'Visitors' and how we prepare and plan to make people welcome.

### History

Linking in with our literacy, we will be exploring the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and looking at artefacts and geographic locations to understand how we know about how people lived during these times.

### French

We will be learning about the seasons in French to be able to recognise, recall and remember the four seasons and a short sentence about each season in French.

### PE

PE days will continue to be swimming on a Monday and a session with the PE coach on a Thursday.

### PSHE

Our topics this term are bullying (including anti bullying week) and stereotyping.

### Art and D&T

We will make our very own cave paintings using a combination of paint and drawings and making Ug his very own pair of trousers.

### ICT

We will be learning about algorithms, coding and debugging using turtle and scratch. The children will use Turtle logo to create algorithms with repeat to move the turtle on the screen to create polygons. They then move to using Scratch to create polygons using an onscreen pen.

**Homework** will be set every Friday and will be due in on or before the following Wednesday. This will be maths a piece of maths **and** literacy or a 'creative' or topic-based piece set in place of the literacy homework.

**Spelling and times tables tests** will take place on Friday. This half terms spelling were sent home at the end of last half term and a copy has been placed on the class page on the website.

The **Key Learning Sheets (KLS)** for Maths, English, Science and History and Geography are on the website. The new History and Science sheets are also in your child's homework book. Please talk to your child about the information on the sheets and look at them little and often to help them recall what they have learnt.

As always, your support and interest in your child's education will only help to maximise their progress and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via Dojo or email.

Kind Regards

Mrs Bastock and Mrs Miles