













Autumn Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Meet & Greet Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 12th October
 Last day of half-term is Friday 21st October 2022
 Children return on Monday 7th November 2022
 Last day of the Autumn Term is Wednesday 21st December 2022
 Children return on Thursday 5th January 2023

Year 3

Staff

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| Mrs Donovan | Miss Tetteh | Mrs Khanom | Miss Zelca | Mrs Begum | Miss Hoque | Miss Nur | Mr Bademosi | Miss Aktar | Miss Butcher |

Reading

All pupils have a reading book which must be brought into school along with their Reading Record in a bag every day. It is very important that they bring them in every day as there may be opportunities for them to read through the day and their teacher may need to listen to them read. Their teacher will also check the Reading Record through the week.

Please take time to listen to your child read each day and talk to them about their book. They need to understand what they are reading – not just be able to read the words. Could you also please ensure that you write a comment or just sign their Reading Record at least three times each week.

Try taking your child to the local library, it's free to join and borrow books.

Homework

Times tables and weekly spellings) will be sent home and tested weekly at school. These need to be practised each night so that your child is fully prepared.

Pupils will also be given other homework activities each day and we'd like to thank you for continuing to support your child with their homework activities each night.

Communication

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off /collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment via the main office and your child's teacher will make time to see you.

Reminders

- We will be having a PE lesson on **Thursdays & Fridays**.
- Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct P.E. kit on these days. This should be: trainers/plimsolls, a white t-shirt and blue shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms. Shorts, jogging bottoms and t-shirts are available for sale in the main office.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school except for stud earrings which must be removed or covered with plasters for P.E.
- Please ensure ALL of your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe.
- Remember school starts at 9.00am but they can start coming into school from 8:45. Don't be late!

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PSHCE

Relationships – TEAM

This unit will focus on the positive impact working as a team has on all its members. They will learn about successful teamwork skills, being considerate of others and how to positively resolve conflicts.

COMPUTING

Connecting computers

Pupils will be challenged to develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes and outputs. They will compare digital and non-digital devices, before being introduced to computer networks that include network infrastructure devices like routers and switches.

FRENCH

Where Do I Live?

Grammar focus: Definite articles – masculine and feminine

By the end of the unit, children will be able to talk and describe their own home. They will recap on and develop their conversational and written French.

SCIENCE

Rocks

Children will compare and group rocks, fossils and soils based on their appearance and simple physical properties. They will explore how fossils and soils are formed and how some rocks have changed over time. In addition, they will complete an in-depth study of the work of Mary Anning.

ART

Portraits and self-portraits

Artist: Frida Kahlo, Andy Warhol and Ibrahim el-Salahi.

Technique: drawing, collage and oil pastels.

Skills: sketching, drawing realistically, paper collage and oil pastels.

The Year 3 students will look at what portraiture is. They will explore different ways to do a portrait by looking at a variety of portraiture styles, and they will produce realistic and abstract portraits of their own.

RE

Jesus and Buddha

In this unit, pupils will explore the power of stories and sayings to challenge people to think about the way they lead their lives. In this context, a number of stories and sayings which Jesus and The Buddha told will be explored to see how they challenged people at the time and can still do today

PE

Hockey

During this unit, children will know and use rules fairly; use their awareness of space to support team mates and cause problems for the opposition. They will get better at keeping possession of the ball.

Health and Fitness

Throughout the year in PE lessons, children will be able to explain why it is important to warm up and cool down and identify some muscle groups used in different activities.

MUSIC

Pitch Perfect

We name pitches using solfa, analyse the relationship between them (intervals) and show the hand signs for three-pitch tunes. We identify where accents occur in music and demonstrate these.

HISTORY

What was prehistoric life like and how do we know?

Children will learn about prehistory. They will start with the Stone age, including the eras within and the differences between them, including how life changed when farming was developed. They will learn about the Bronze Age and migration during prehistoric times. They will end with learning about the Celts and the move from prehistory to history thanks to Roman written records.