

Year 3 Newsletter



'Hand in Hand with Jesus Christ we
live love and learn together.'

How far can I throw my shadow?

Welcome back parents and carers, we hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday! We have an exciting term ahead of us with some great learning opportunities for the children. Our philosophy is we all learn and grow together through our shared experiences. At the centre of our learning are our Come and See topics: Homes, Promises and Visitors. In our Homes topic we will explore why our home is special and how was our home life similar to Jesus'.



English

In English for the first half-term we will focus on the text of Orion and the Dark by Emma Yarlet. A story about a young boy who tries to overcome his fear of shadows and the dark. We will be using the text to help us look at settings, character description as well as speech marks.

The children will also be studying poetry. We will be looking at a poem called 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. The children will recreate their own poem in his style, looking at onomatopoeia, verbs, nouns and adjectives.



Never say,
"I can't"
Always say,
"I'll try"

Maths

In Maths we will cover a variety of topics addition and subtraction, perimeter, multiplication and division, time and 3D shapes. We strongly encourage the children to practice their times tables regularly using their TT Rockstars login is a great way to practice at home.

Science

For our Science topic we will look at 'Light and Dark' trying to answer our question- How far can I throw my shadow? We will investigate how far our shadows can go but also work out how they are formed. We will look at reflections and how this is linked to light and dark. We will experiment this using mirror games!

Ways to help at home

There will be reading, spellings and maths homework every week. Your child will write details in their diary on the day the homework is set.

Homework is set on a **Wednesday** to be handed in on the **next Tuesday**. Spelling tests take place on Wednesday Mornings.



Sometimes there will be topic homework which will set over the course of a couple of weeks. Please check your child's diary regularly and

encourage your child to complete the tasks set. Please encourage your child to read regularly, every night if possible, the children will be able to access accelerated reader where they will be able to quiz on their books to check their understanding and comprehension of the text they will be able to change their book every day in class.

P.E

Please make sure your child has PE kit (red or white shorts, red or white t-shirt red or grey joggers, trainers or plimsolls) in school on Mondays. PE kit should stay in school all week.

Key Dates

14.09.17: Individual Photos
22.09.17: School Disco 3:30—4:30
26.09.17: European Day of Languages
17.10.17: Parents Evening
18.10.17: Parents Evening
20.10.17: INSET Day
20.10.17: Half—Term
30.10.17 : Back to school.
19.11.17 : Art Day
5.12.17: Visit to Beaumanor Hall—
Victorian Christmas Day
11.12.17: Year 3 Christmas Celebration
3E: 9:30
3C: 2:30
22.12.17: Christmas Break

We look forward to an amazing and creative term, if you have any queries please feel free to ask.

Miss Piper and Mr Astle