

Year 3 Newsletter



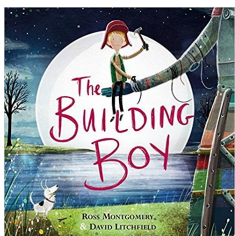
'Hand in Hand with Jesus Christ we
live love and learn together.'

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. 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 is our home life similar to Jesus'. In Promises we will focus on the promises made at Baptism and in Visitors we will look at the Annunciation and how we can make visitors feel welcome.

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. In Autumn 2 we will look at the



text 'The Building Boy' by Ross Montgomery and David Litchfield, the story is about a boy who dreams of being an architect as suddenly his designs come to life. We will start to look at creative writing and exploring our own creations. We will link this to our geography and look at famous buildings in Europe.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be working on number skills including Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. We strongly recommend that your children use TT Rockstars to support them with their times tables and division. In year 3 we will focus on 3s, 4s and 8s.



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. There are many experiments and investigations for the children to enjoy.

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 homework book 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. Each Child should aim to read **6 books** a half-term.

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

12.09.18: Parents Meeting 8:15am
13.09.18: Individual Photos
01.10.18: Stardome visit in School
26.10.18: INSET Day
26.10.18: Half—Term
05.11.18 : Back to School
09.11.18 : Remembrance Liturgies
9:10am KS2
10.12.18: Christmas Performance
3C 9:15am
3E 2:45am
18.12.18: 3C Carols around the tree
2:30pm
19.12.18: 3E Carols around the tree
2:30pm
21.12.18: Christmas Break
07.01.19 Back to School

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

Mrs Vyse and Mr Brown