

# Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable time over the summer break. I have an exciting term planned for your child and hope they will enjoy learning through the varied experiences we are going to have.

## **Year 3's topics and themes**

This term's main topic will be based upon the Roman Empire and the impact it has had on Britain, both in the past and today. Many areas of this topic will be cross-curricular through Literacy, Numeracy, art, history, geography, DT and ICT. Further maths work will be split into five blocks: Counting, Partitioning and Calculating, Securing Number Facts and Understanding Shape, Handling Data and Measures, and Calculating, Measuring and Understanding Shape. Our first science topic this term will be concerned with plants. We will be investigating the functions of the different parts of the plant, the plant life cycle and we will be growing our own plants!

Throughout the term we will be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and the use of language. The children will also be encouraged to read a wide range of texts, both to improve their reading fluency and also for pleasure! I would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

## **Practical Information**

The classroom door will be opened at 8.50am where the children can access an early morning activity which we encourage your child to participate in. Registers are taken at 9.00am.

We feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home each night to be washed and refilled.

Please try and make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labeled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

## **PE**

PE lessons are on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school on that day. Outdoor PE takes place on Monday afternoon unless there is bad weather. Kit should be taken home over the weekend to be washed. Tracksuits may be sent in when the weather is cold. Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must be either taken out or covered with micro-pore tape.

## **Homework**

Homework will be sent home weekly on Fridays (except for guided reading which will be given on the day of reading) and will be expected to be returned the following Friday.

## **Meet the Teacher**

This meeting will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm and last approximately 30 minutes. I will give a short presentation which expands on the contents of this letter and give you the chance to ask any questions you may have.

My door is always open; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

I look forward to a fabulous year working with you and your child and hope to see you next Thursday.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Taylor