

# Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely time over Christmas. 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 invaders and settlers of Britain. We will begin by looking at the Anglo-Saxons; where they originated from, their way of living, the way in which they impacted upon Britain as we know it today, and why they chose to settle in Britain. We will then look at the Scots; where they originated from, where they settled and why. It is very exciting that we have a workshop visiting on the 15<sup>th</sup> January with actors in role as Anglo Saxons to provide our "sparkling start" to the topic.

Many areas of this topic will be cross-curricular through Literacy, Numeracy, art, history, geography 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 animals including humans. We will be investigating the different parts of the body, what is needed for the body to be healthy and to grow, and the difference between the bodies of animals and humans. We have a trip planned to the Chef School of Toby Carvery where the children will hear from the professionals all about food and the need for a balanced diet.

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, please could children bring in labeled bottles of water with a secure lid each day.

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 Tuesday and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school on that day. As we are focusing on dance in PE on Mondays, we will be inside for these lessons. 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**

Guided reading homework will be sent home on the day of your child's guided reading session (the children should know when this is) and is due in to be marked one week from this day.

Spellings will be sent home with a suggested activity on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.

MyMaths homework will be posted online on Fridays and is due in by the following Friday.

If your child experiences any problems with their homework, they can always come and speak to me or there is a homework club supervised by a member of staff on a Tuesday after school.

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

I look forward to another happy and successful term. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Taylor