

Welcome to Term 3 and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a restful and healthy Christmas. This newsletter outlines key information to be aware of this term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me after school, or book an appointment through the school office.

Mrs Dunn

### Reading

Please continue to hear your child read daily and record this under the home section in their reading log. You can fuel their enthusiasm by asking them questions about how they think the characters may be feeling or encouraging them to make predictions about what may happen next.

Reception and Year 1 children will bring home banded Phonics books matched to their current phonics knowledge. Children should be able to read the books sent home with relative ease as they should include the sounds that they are secure in as opposed to any they are not sure on. This will help them to practice their blending and reading fluency. In addition to these Phonics books we will send home an additional 'sharing' book for you to read with your child for pleasure.

Children in Year 2 will complete a Star Reader test each half term which will provide us with the range of books which best fits their reading level. This reading level or ZPD will be written in their reading records and updated termly. Those who are still practicing their Phase 2-5 Phonics sounds will also bring home a Phonics book matched to their level.

### English

This term children in Reception will continue to consolidate their phonics knowledge and practice writing these sounds, starting to form sentences. We aim to cover a book a week, so also focus on their ability to discuss in a group, make predictions and explore how characters feel. We often explore these books and characters through role play. This term we will be basing our writing on the books 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk' and 'Pigs might fly.'

Year One and Two will continue in their sentence stacking lessons, starting with a narrative based on the traditional tale 'Pinocchio' before moving on to writing an instruction text.

## Maths

Reception will be focussing on their numbers to 10 this term as well as continuing to consolidate their subitising to 5 and number bonds to 5. Please see the Term 3 KIRFs to see how you can best help them consolidate this knowledge at home.

**Year One** will be moving onto looking at numbers to 50 as well as beginning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. The Term 3 KIRFs document will give ideas of ways in which you can help your child at home. I will also be setting some work on Mathletics so please ensure that you log on to see what has been set.

**Year Two** will have a busy term in Maths! We will be aiming to secure their 2,5 and 10 times tables this term. Please continue to log in to Times Table Rockstars to help them secure their knowledge outside of the classroom. We will also be looking at division facts for these Times Tables before moving onto studying 3D shapes and their properties. We will finish the term by beginning to look at fractions. I will be setting work on Mathletics to support with consolidation of all of these topics.

## Science

This term's Science topic is 'Movement' and children will learn about the different forces which affect movement as well as looking at the properties of different materials.

## History

This term our topic is 'Great Inventions: Transport'. Children will learn about the way in which inventions over the last 200 years have impacted the way in which we can travel. They will look at the first flight in 1903 and how that impacted the world as well as studying the Rainhill Trials and the advancements that came about in the railway industry.

## Forest School

**Reception and Year One** will continue to take part in Forest School with Miss Law on a Wednesday afternoon in the school grounds. This gives children an opportunity to explore the world around them and begin to understand some of the natural processes that take place everyday. Please ensure that children are provided with a suitable change of clothes on a Wednesday, including outdoor footwear and water proofs.

## PE

This term PE will take place again on **Thursday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on this day. Wrens will have one hour of PE first thing in the morning and 45 minutes to end the school day.

## Art and Design

Mrs Russell will continue to lead Art on a Friday afternoon. This term children will be learning about sculpture and will be making 3D animals, 2D tiles working with textured patterns and thumb and coil pots.

## RE

Our question this term is 'What do Christians think God is like?' Children will learn about the ways in which Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving and will look at how they put their beliefs into practice in their worship. They will read the parable of 'The Lost Son' in order to recognise the link between God as a forgiving Father.

## Homework

This term spelling will be set on a Friday for both Year One and Year Two and will be tested the following Friday.

Maths homework will be set on Mathletics and children will receive certificates in assembly based on the amount of time they have spent practicing. **Year Two** will also be set Times Table practice on TT Rockstars.

Extra spelling practice will also be set on Spelling shed for the children to continue their practice.