



Advent Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! I am thrilled to welcome you all back and hope you had a wonderful summer (I also hope it does not feel like a dim and distant memory as we have so quickly settled into the school routine!) I know most of you already from our incredible time together in Year 1, but for those of you that don't know me – hello and I can't wait to get to know you 😊 As many of you know I love to chat so any questions, anytime, just come over in the playground after school or send me a message on dojo.

With best wishes for a wonderful term

Miss Cattermole

Uniform

Just a quick reminder about our school uniform policy:

- Children must wear a **school tie** with a white shirt or polo shirt, they do not need to wear one with a summer dress.
- Socks and tights should be **plain white or grey**.
- Shoes must be black leather or leather type, no boots or trainers.
- Plain stud earrings are allowed but these must be removed or covered with tape in PE.

Please, please, please **name all uniform** – we have already had some go missing this term and it makes it even harder to track down when it is not named. Thank you.

Water Bottle and Snack

Please can all children bring a water bottle every day. Children in KS2 also have the opportunity to buy a snack at morning break. If they wish to do this, please send your child with cash. Alternatively, they are welcome to bring their own snack, fruit or plain biscuits only. No chocolate or crisps!

PE

PE is on a Monday and Wednesday. Children should ensure their PE kit is in school for these days. I know the children were excited at the prospect of doing swimming but I am afraid it will not be Year 3 who swim this year – don't worry though, they will have the opportunity to swim later in KS2.

Reading

Reading underpins children's access to the curriculum and positively impacts on their achievement. There is considerable research to show that children who enjoy reading, and choose to read, benefit not only academically, but also socially and emotionally.

Please encourage your children to read at home. Reading daily with adult support is essential, so please enjoy some time curled up together either reading to them or listening to them read to you. All reading done at home should be recorded in your child's organiser.

Please ensure the children have their reading book in school every day.

Topic

We have got a busy term ahead...

Science - Plants: We have already started looking at plants, exploring the different parts, discussing what plants need for life and growth and thinking about how water is transported. We will also look at the lifecycle of a plant.

Art – Growing Artists: We will use shapes, shading and texture to enhance our drawing skills.

History – Who First Lived in Britain: We will explore the Stone Age and Bronze Age, looking at where people lived, what their homes were like and what they ate.

Design & Technology – Eating Seasonally: We will learn about seasonal foods and use our understanding to create a seasonal food tart.

After half term we will explore:

- Geography - The UK and Shpshed.
- Art – Abstract Space and Shape.
- Science – Rocks and Soils.
- Design & Technology – Wearable Technology.

Equipment

All equipment is provided. If children would like to bring a pencil case, they can use these in our afternoon lessons. I have reminded children that if we make a mistake in our written work, we put a neat line through it and do not rub it out however they can use rubbers when drawing!

Maths

We have already got to work on our Place Value topic looking at numbers to 1,000 and will soon be moving on to addition and subtraction across 10 and 100. After half term we will work on our 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables and start work on statistics.

RE

Our first RE focus is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will revisit the Creation Story and use it together with the knowledge that all humans are created 'in the image of God' and created equally, and our understanding of stewardship, to answer our big question... How does caring for the world help change the world for the better?

After half term we will move on to 'Prophecy and Promise'.

Year Three Class Rules

The class have done a super job of compiling our class rules, I thought it would be nice to share these so you can see what a wonderful group of kind, caring and hardworking children we have.

- Always try your best.
- Live like Jesus tells us to.
- Listen to everyone.
- Be organised.
- Love one another.
- Always show respect.
- Treat others how you would like to be treated.
- Be kind to everyone.
- Believe in yourself.
- HAVE FUN.

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