



St. Peter's Autumn Newsletter

Year 3



Dear Parents,

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to welcome you to the juniors. I hope you had a lovely summer. I would like to thank the children in Year 3 for making such a fantastic start as a Key Stage 2 class. They have been working so hard already and I have every faith that this hard work will continue throughout the year. The first year in the juniors will bring new challenges and exciting opportunities for them. It is important that together we encourage them to approach everything they do with a positive attitude. Our first topic this term is 'Superhero and Every Day Heroes'. We will then be looking at the topic 'Chocolate' after October half term.

The children this year will be working with myself and Mrs Jacobs. We wish them all a happy and successful year.

Maths

In our maths lessons we will be covering the following areas throughout the term; ordering two and three digit numbers, counting and estimating, adding and subtracting numbers up to three digits and multiplication and division facts. They will continue to identify mathematical terminology in order to pick out key language used in word problems. Children need to continue practicing their times tables at home in order to develop their mathematical skills further.

English

The children will be looking at adventure stories such as 'Traction Man Is Here' and will create their own. We will then look at every day heroes and creating biographies. We will also be looking at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and our written work will be based on this text. Alongside our work on our class novels we will continue to practice our comprehension skills, handwriting skills, learn and practice spellings and improve our grammar.

Science

In science this term students will be working on the topic 'Forces and Magnets', looking at how magnets work and what forces work around us in our lives. The topic 'Light', looks at sources of light and shadows. Children will take part in some practical experiments and investigations.

Geography

During our topic 'Chocolate' the children will look at where chocolate comes from. We will also research fair trade and how it impacts the lives of people around the globe.

History

Our history topic for this term is 'Kings and Queens', children will look at different past monarchs and how their rules changed Britain. They will also be able to compare monarchs throughout history and the current royal family.

Design Technology

We will be looking at designing and packaging our own chocolate bar following the design, create and evaluate format. The children will even have the opportunity to make their own chocolate bar!

Art

In the first half of the term we will be looking at the comic book style inspired by Roy Lichtenstein and create a self-portrait. We will also be creating a collage of our dream chocolate factory room using a variety of materials.

Physical Education

The children will be exploring pathways and turning in gymnastics. They will take part in athletics activities. PE is every Tuesday and Friday, students will need full PE kits on these days. Trainers will be needed on Mondays for lunchtime coach.

Music

This year the children will be learning how to play the recorder. They will begin learning notes and learn simple songs. They will showcase what they have learnt in the Christmas concert.

Computing

The children will be learning about e-safety and how to research the web effectively to find out more about the monarchs and fair trade. They will also be working on their typing and presentation skills to publish their writing.

Reading

Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day and that they have had their yellow book signed every week.

Modern Foreign Language

The children will be learning basic French greetings and numbers. We will then look at learning the names of colours and clothes.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. Please help your child to complete this. It must be checked, signed and returned the following Tuesday. Spelling, times tables and mental arithmetic tests will be done each Friday.

Trips

We will continue our local trips to the library and to St. Peter's church. You will be notified of any other school trips within an appropriate time frame.

May I please remind everyone that all clothing needs to be labelled clearly so that if lost, it can be returned easily. Children should be wearing sensible black shoes (not trainers) to school. PE kit consists of a white polo shirt, black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms (no logos on PE kits please).

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher evening on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 3.30pm
Kind regards, Miss Ford and Mrs. Jacobs