



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. The children this year will be working with myself Mrs Stoneman, Mrs Akinrinlewo and Mrs Naydukh.

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

In the first half term we will be recapping our basic writing skills and using short films to inspire our creative writing linked to our author Roald Dahl. 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.

History

Our history topic for this term is 'Riotous Royals', 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!

Modern Foreign Languages

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

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.

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.

Forest School

We are excited that the children will have the opportunity this year to be going back to Forest School as part of the curriculum. This will take place every Thursday morning with Miss Akin. More information is to follow.

Art

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

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.

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.

Music

The children will learn about 'Composition and Performance', having the opportunity to make some music of their own. They will also look at reading music and music appreciation.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. Please help your child to complete this. It must be checked and returned the following Wednesday with the cover sheet signed. Online work on Purple Mash will be set every other week. Spelling, times tables and mental arithmetic tests will be done each Friday.

Reading

Your child has a reading record that they will bring home and we ask that you support their reading and ensure they have written comments in their reading records. We will be going to the school library on a weekly basis where the children will be given the opportunity to explore a wider range of books and to encourage the children to read for pleasure.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries. Miss Lavelle, Mrs Stoneman and Mrs Akinrinlewo.