

# Year 3

## Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely summer. Ahead of us lie the exciting challenges of Year 3 - We are already impressed by the positive attitude with which the children have returned to school. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 3 so here is a summary of what will be covered in class this half term.

### ENGLISH

This half term we will be beginning the year by reviewing and revising our understanding of Grammar, using the Grammarsaurus scheme of work. This will give children a strong foundation in sentence structure, grammatical terminology and use of punctuation.

This work will be woven throughout all of English this year to ensure fluency, consistency and a growing understand of how to be successful young writers. We will then be moving on to look at the story of Aladdin.

Using this story as a foundation, we will be using an expansive and ambitious vocabulary to write a wonderful setting description that brings the story to life. We will be looking at how we can write of a specific purpose and the use of key skills to better succeed in our work.

Throughout all of this English work, pupils will continue to work on improving their spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.



### MATHS

In Autumn our maths work will focus on developing the basic fundamentals of maths. Children will learn effective strategies for addition and subtraction, working on securing the knowledge of place value of numbers up to 100. Developing a range of appropriate strategies for addition, subtraction and working in multiples of 10, Finally children will be learning how best to measure and record information in tables.



### RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

This half term we will be looking at the following units.

**Unit A: Belonging**

**Unit G: Prayer**

Our Virtue this half term is  
"Eloquent and Truthful"

### GEOGRAPHY

During the Autumn Term children will be finding out 'What it is like living in the UK', locating and naming countries and cities, with a focus on Birmingham.

They will explore Erdington, the geographical regions and identify the human and physical characteristics.

The children will learn about the 4 points of a compass.

Using Ordnance Survey maps, the children will learn how to use four figure grid references, symbols and keys.

### SCIENCE

During the first half of this term, Year 3 will be learning about Rocks and Fossils. They will be identifying and grouping sedimentary and igneous rocks. Children will compare the physical properties of rocks and understand that rocks weather and erode. They will explore what soils are made from. They will be able to explain what a fossil is and where to find them.



### COMPUTING

We start this year by looking at how to we can communicate effectively and safely in the digital age. We will be focussing on how to use emails to send messages. We will also be looking at how to recognise when an email isn't legitimate and what to do in the instance. Throughout this we will constantly be ensuring that children know how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Giving the children the ability to recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour on-line so they can identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

### PE

Children will be working on two strands of the PE curriculum this term.

Dodgeball- where children will work in teams and develop their skills of throwing, catching and evasion.

Tag Rugby - where they will learn skills of passing, footwork and moving into space.

### ART

Year 3 children will develop their drawing skills and learn how to observe and draw the features of a face. They will learn how lines and shapes help us draw realistic facial features. They will learn about drawing textures and be inspired by the work of multiple artists they will encounter again throughout their primary studies



### At home

Please encourage your child to read as much as they can at home and persuade them to read a wide range of texts (fiction and non-fiction). It would be very useful if they could recall the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables with speed and accuracy.

P.E. and games lessons will be on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their kit on these days.

If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Ms Adams, Mrs Doody, Mrs Kidson, Mrs Wooldridge and Miss Vowles