

# Year 3

## Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

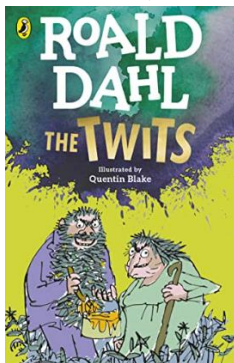
We hope you all had a lovely summer. Ahead of us lie the exciting challenges of Year 3 - We are already impressed by the positive attitude with which the children have returned to school. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 3 so here is a summary of what will be covered in class this half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

### ENGLISH

This half term we will be beginning the year by reviewing and revising our understanding of Grammar. We will then be looking at the book *The Twits* by Roald Dahl.

Using this book we will be using adjectives to write character descriptions, Settings and a looking at the skills involved in writing a letter to the characters from the story.

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



### MATHS

Year 3 pupils have made an excellent start to their maths work - We can already see a passion for the subject and a determination to do well!

We have started the year by looking at place value working with numbers to 100.

Moving on from this we will look at the four basic operation addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Learning both formal and informal methods.



### 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  
"Curious and Active"

### 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 use search technologies effectively. We will also be taught how to understand Computer networks.

We will be learning how to design and write debug programs that accomplish specific goals.

Throughout this we will constantly be learning 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.

OAA- Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, where children will work in teams and achieve goals and begin some orienteering around the school grounds.

Tag Rugby - where they will learn skills of passing and footwork.

### 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.

Mrs Alexander, Mrs Doody, Mrs Kidson, Mrs Vernon and Mrs Awan