



# Welcome to Year 3

## Autumn Term Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you all had a great summer and that your child is looking forward to the new academic year as much as I am! ☺ I will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' session on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 15:45 and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

*Below are some key points or suggestions for particular subjects and overleaf, there is a topic web outlining the curriculum areas that we will be studying this term:*

**English** – I would strongly encourage you to hear your child read every day, discussing the meaning of the text, as well as any unfamiliar vocabulary. The children will continue to be heard to read in Year 3, both individually and through guided reading groups. Spellings (linked to the 2014 National Curriculum) will be given out and tested every Friday.

**Maths** – As the children move through Year 3, they will be regularly required to show greater independence and perseverance, when trying to answer questions and solve problems using mental arithmetic. Helping your child to develop fluency with their times tables is a great way to boost their confidence and mental maths skills (throughout Year 3, we will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables, while also revising the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables from Year 2). The children will be encouraged to use Mathematics, in school and at home, to improve their confidence with all the four operations and other core areas of mathematics. Their usernames and passwords are the same as last year but I will give each child a new ID card at the start of the term.

**P.E.** – The children will have P.E. on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term – weather permitting, we will aim to have a least one lesson outside. However, in case there is a last minute timetable change, please can I suggest that your child keeps their P.E. kit (and trainers) in school with them all week. They will also need a water bottle in school and this is kept in the classroom. The children will NOT be swimming this term.

**Homework** – Cross-curricular 'My Choice' homework will be given out on a Friday and the children will have two weeks to complete it. In addition to this, Year 3 will have a small amount of maths homework, each week, to be completed by the following Friday.

I look forward to meeting you soon and please do not hesitate to pop in (or call) if you have any queries during the year.

Kind Regards,

**Mr. M. Walding (Year 3 Teacher)**