



## Welcome to Year 3 & Year 4's Newsletter

Autumn 2 2018

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year. What an exciting half term we have coming!

### Exciting English: Potions

#### Year 3

Year 3 children will be learning about two books, Huge bag of Worries and Once Upon an Ordinary School Day. The children will also be studying a poet called Zephaniah.

#### Year 4

Year 4 will be learning about giving and writing instructions using the Osbourne complete book of Art. Using Horrid Henry books to discuss fiction stories and looking at imagine poetry through a window.

### Marvellous Maths

#### Year 3

Year 3 children will be looking at multiplication and division, using the numbers 3,4,8,50 and 100 to calculate 2 digit problems.

#### Year 4

This term in year 4 we will be looking at multiplication and division of 10, 100, 1000s. We will be looking at not only how to calculate problems but also look at word problems to help develop mastery of the topic.

### Times Tables

Please can you encourage your children to recall their times tables quickly? It is very important that they know them at speed.

All children have a Times Table Rock stars account so please do encourage them to go on at least once a week.

There are lots of other games online to help them too, a good one is, 'Hit the Button!'

### Topic Homework.

We will be sending home a sheet with a variety of different activities for the children to do.

Please have a look and support your children to complete some of the activities.

### Topic: Potions.

This term we have an exciting topic all about potions.

We will be learning all about Alice in Wonderland and decisions Alice makes throughout the story.

### Science: Chemistry

We will be investigating how chemistry relates to our subject of potions. Children will be looking at liquid solids and gases and how they can change state. Children will be creating their own potions using what they have learnt.

#### RE:

In RE we will be looking at special journeys taken by different religions and the reasons behind these. Children will also look at journeys that they take themselves and understand the significance behind these.

#### MFL:

In French we are looking at the alphabet. They will learn the difference between the English and French alphabet. Children will also be learning how to pronounce letters correctly.

### ICT: Potions

Children will be looking at internet safety and programming simple games using LOGO. We will be looking at secure passwords and inscription. In LOGO the children will be programming shapes and colour.

### Art - Potions

The children will be looking at the processes involved when making objects. Here they will study shape, function and form of a potions bottle. Children will then be designing and making their own magical potions bottle out of clay.

### PSHE: Being me in my world

Our topic in PSHE children will be celebrating differences between each other. Children will also understand how to include others when working and playing. We are looking at how to help someone when they are being bullied.

### WOW Day!

Year 3 and 4 will be having a Mad Hatters Tea Party. We will be making our own sandwiches, drinks and decorating cakes. Linking this with our topic of potions.



### Other important news.

Our PE topic this half term is athletics. Please remember children should wear a **white t-shirt** and **black bottoms** for PE. They should also have **pumps or trainers**. Kits should be brought into school on a **Monday** and taken home on **Friday**.

### Weekly Homework

Please remember homework should be handed in every Monday and children will be issued with homework on Wednesday along with homework diaries that should be signed by parents. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

A reminder: Children should wear school uniform always with black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery, except a watch and stud earrings.

We also have parent's evening on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3:30 - 5:00pm. Giving you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child is progressing so far in the year.

### Inspire Day

Both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed our inspire day where parents came in to help the children build their recycled sea creature. Photos have been sent to 'authors4oceans' for our competition entry. If we win, the prize is a visit from one of UK's well-known authors and illustrator and books for the school. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed!

