

YEAR 3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to another exciting year. I hope you had a wonderful summer break.

What We Will Learn

English and Maths

In English, we will explore a variety of exciting books that will inspire our writing and spark our imagination. Using these texts, we will create a travel brochure and write our own fantasy stories, developing a range of writing styles including instructions, descriptive writing, letters, persuasive texts, and dialogue. This will help to strengthen vocabulary, sentence structure, and overall writing skills. In Maths, our focus will be on building confidence with place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We will also spend time each week practising quick recall of multiplication and division facts, helping to prepare for the Year 4 multiplication check and improve mental maths fluency.

Dimensions Curriculum

In our 'Come Fly With Me: Africa!' topic, children will explore the diverse cultures, geography, wildlife, music, and traditional art of the African continent. They will learn about different countries, compare daily life to their own, and develop an appreciation for African heritage. In 'Ancient Greece', children will delve into Greek myths and legends, discover what life was like in Ancient Greece, explore key historical figures and events, and learn how Ancient Greece has influenced modern language, government, and architecture.

Homework and Reading

Children are encouraged to read with an adult every day and record this in their reading record. Just five minutes of daily reading can significantly boost their fluency, comprehension, and the quality of their writing.

Homework will be set every Thursday and is due the following Wednesday.

There will also be a spelling and times tables test on a Wednesday.

Key Dates

- 1 Oct - African Drumming Day and performance at 2:45
- 27 - 31 Oct - Half term
- 1 Dec - INSET day
- 19 Dec - End of term at 1:30

PE

In Autumn 1, we will focus on developing skills in dance and netball, encouraging creativity, coordination, and teamwork. During Autumn 2, our attention will shift to problem-solving and mindfulness, helping children to think critically and build emotional awareness. PE lessons will take place every Monday and Friday.