

Autumn Term 2017

Year 3 Newsletter



Hello and welcome back. We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead! We are looking forward to working with you and your children again this year!

Mrs de la Croix will be the class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings, and Mrs Sykes will be the Class Teacher on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays. We have two teaching assistants this year, Mrs King (Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays) and Mrs Kite (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

The purpose of this letter is to give you an outline of the term ahead and to give you some information about some of the curriculum areas Year 3 will be covering.

Topics this term include:

Science - Rock and Soils and Light

History - Stone Age to Iron Age

Geography - Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Technology - Mechanisms- shell structures

Art - links to History topic

Music - Recorder lessons (Monday afternoons)

ICT - Programming an animation and Network Engineering

PE - Fitness lessons, Football, Dance, Basketball and Gymnastics

Further Year 3 curriculum information is available on the school website in the Classroom and Curriculum information sections

In English we will be starting the term by looking at Stories with a familiar setting and information texts. We will also link some of our History and Science topic work into literacy lessons. We will also have dedicated Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Comprehension sessions each week. Every child will read once a week as part of a group to the class teacher during a guided reading session. A short homework task will be set in relation to their reading each week. As part of your child's continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. In the Year 3 section of the school website you will find a recommended reading list. Children will be given spellings on a Friday which they will need to learn in preparation for testing the following Friday. Your help with encouraging children to learn their spellings regularly will be greatly appreciated.

In Maths, amongst other things, we will be looking at place value, written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, telling the time and working with different measurements. As well

as this the children will be working on their times tables facts including the division factors. These will be tested weekly and your help with practising these is very much appreciated.

P.E. lessons will take place on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. We would really appreciate it if you could ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor kits available each week and suitable outdoor trainers. All kit must be named. As the weather gets colder, children should also have a jumper that they can wear for PE as well as a plastic bag that they can put their muddy trainers in. This will be particularly useful as we continue with the daily run - 3 laps around the field for Year 3!

Homestudy tasks will be set from the Literacy workbooks and from MyMaths each week. These tasks will be set on a Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Due to this short turn around it is important that your child hands in completed tasks on time and your help with this is very much appreciated. Children will have a folder to carry their Homestudy book in - please encourage them to use this to avoid damage to the books.

Some important dates for your diary this term include:

Parents Consultations - Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October

Celtic Harmony Trip- 28th September

For regular updates of what has been happening in the Year 3 classrooms, follow us on Twitter **@MapleSchoolYr3**. For whole school news events please go to **www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk**.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to pop up to the classroom to see us

We look forward to seeing many of you at the start of year meet the teacher meeting on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 2.30pm.

With kind regards



Mrs de la Croix, Mrs Sykes and the Year 3 team