

Class 3 Newsletter - January 2017

To the friends and families of Class 3,

I hope that your New Year has gotten off to a brilliant start! The children have certainly returned with as much enthusiasm as ever and we cannot wait to experience all that this term has to offer.

Over the course of this term we will be learning the following...

Topic: *Our Local Area* - Within this topic, children will be learning more about Nether Heyford and its position in the world, as well as learning how to read and use grid references in an atlas and on maps. They will explore maps and their keys as well as learning how to draw their own maps. Of course, we will also use our trip to Everdon to learn more about our local area and its wildlife. Strong links to this topic will run through all our work this term as you will see below.

Literacy: This term the children will be exploring the magnificent world of Roald Dahl as they learn about his life, poetry and stories. After learning how Roald created such fascinating characters through his writing and vivid description, the children will create and describe their own unique characters. We will also be studying his poetry and use of language before writing and performing our own poems. Following our trip to Everdon, the children will then focus on the skills of recount writing as they learn to convey the excitement of the new experiences they have gained in their own words.

Numeracy: The children will continue to develop the speed and fluency of their mental arithmetic whilst developing their understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Children will also practise their practical skills, including measuring and telling the time. They will also develop their understanding of statistics and data handling by creating and analysing pictograms and bar charts.

Art: The start of this term will see the children linking our science unit with art by drawing self-portraits and then using a range of mediums and techniques to create several life-like pieces of art work from their sketches. Within this unit, children will study self-portraits of famous artists and use step-by-step guidelines to draw realistic features with correct proportions.

Science: *Animals including Humans* - The children will be learning more about the human body, including studying the skeleton, teeth and diet. We will be looking particularly into nutrition and food types, learning and comparing what humans and other animals need in order to stay healthy.



★ **RE:** This term we are going to explore and compare the values held by Christians and Humanists as well as considering how we can help to create a happy and harmonious society. We will also have a special lesson taught by Reverend Stephen in which we will learn about St Paul, of our local parish church.

★ **Spellings:** The children will continue to receive a sentence of the week on Fridays, whilst also practising their spellings each morning and in set spelling lessons.

★ **Homework:** This will continue to be set on a Friday and will consist of a learning log project, maths, literacy or grammar task to consolidate or prepare children for the work we do in class. When set, homework will continue to be due in the following Wednesday, unless stated otherwise.

★ Finally, to the children, we'd like to say well done to all of you for your hard work in 'snappy maths'! We are consistently stunned by your enthusiasm and fantastic progress in your times tables and divisions. A huge well done also to those children who consistently read 5 times a week. It makes a huge difference to your work and we are so proud of this responsible attitude to your learning. Keep it up!

★ Best wishes,
★ Miss Connell, Mr Jones and Miss Denny ☺

