

## Class 3 Newsletter - Spring 2 2017

To the friends and families of Class 3,

I hope that you had a lovely half term holiday and that you have all fully recovered after our fantastic trip to Everdon!

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

**Topic:** Global Learning - within this topic, children will be asking 'where does our food come from?' and finding out about where food is produced and how it gets to our plates. In particular we will be following the journey made by bananas as they travel to our supermarkets.

**Literacy:** This term the children will be studying stories from other cultures with a focus on traditional African tales. They will explore and describe African settings and get to know new characters. They will use the stories as inspiration for writing their own African folk tale after creating their own characters and plot. Later in the term, children will look at different forms of poetry.

**Numeracy:** The children will continue to develop their mental maths skills through daily 'Brain Activate' group sessions before each lesson. They will be developing their skills of calculation in each of the 4 operations and applying them to solve problems. Later in the term, the children will develop their understanding of fractions and time.

**Art:** This term we will be studying patterns and designs from other cultures. The children will be studying traditional African patterns and designs, using them to inspire the creation of their own printing tiles. They will experiment with printing their design repeatedly in different colours to create a final piece of art.

**Science:** Animals including Humans - The children will continue to learn about animals and humans this term, learning more about teeth. They will plan and conduct an experiment to discover the effects of different liquids on teeth.

**RE:** This term we are going to learn more about Humanists and their values.

**Spellings:** The children will continue to receive a sentence of the week on Fridays, whilst also practising their spellings in the mornings 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.

**Reading Records:** Another huge well done to those of you who have consistently read 5 times a week. Keep it up! We will continue to check reading records on a Monday. If you have forgotten to bring it in that day, keep writing in it and we'll check it all the following Monday.

Here's to another great half term!

Best wishes,

Miss Connell, Mr Jones and Miss Denny ☺