

## Year 3's Newsletter

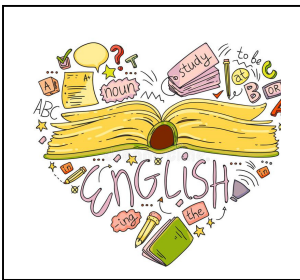
Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and the children are looking forward to being back at school. We have some exciting and engaging topics that I am sure the children will enjoy this half term.



### Religious Education

During our RE lessons this half term, we will be focusing on Journeys. Children will discuss different types of journeys they may have made or will be making. We will then look at a journey through the Church's year by looking at different seasons and celebrations. The children will look at different feast days and how these are celebrated.



### English

Our first English topic will be based on the poem 'The Magnificent Bull'. Children will compose their own poems about whales focusing on developing their use of similes. In our next topic, we will focus on the book 'Big Blue Whale' by Nicola Davies. The children will write a persuasive piece on how to protect the whales.

In spelling, we will be recapping some high frequency words to make sure the children are using these accurately in each piece of writing.

### Maths

In Maths, we are continuing our multiplication and division topic. The children will be learning and applying their knowledge of 2,3,4 and 8 times tables. Once these have been learned, the children will look at written methods for multiplying and dividing 2 and three digit numbers by single digits.



Times tables knowledge is a key part in different areas of maths. Please ensure your child accesses TT Rockstars frequently to help build their knowledge, speed and accuracy. As the children are focusing on learning their tables, accessing this app for 10 minutes each night will help the children to recall their times tables quickly and will help them retain this information when we move topics.



Arithmetic sheets will be completed weekly in class and sent home for the children to practice. The children have been doing a great job so far and we are seeing some big improvements which we hope to see continue.

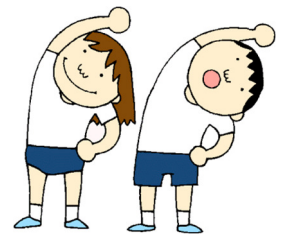
### **Science**

Our science topic this half term will be Forces and Magnets. The children will be exploring different types of magnet and investigating their strength. The children will look at the uses for magnets and how they are used in every day life.



### **P.E**

The children will have 2 sessions of P.E a week, which are Tuesday and Friday. For this half term, children will also have a session of cricket training which takes place on Monday. Remember that your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on these days (White t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/joggers, black trainers and their school jumper).



### **Geography**

In Geography, the children will be learning about deserts. They will learn how deserts are formed, different types of deserts and locate deserts around the world on a map. The children will investigate the weather and climate of deserts as well as finding out how deserts are used by humans.



### **Art**

Our art topic focuses on 3D sculpture and space. We will create 3D sculptures using cardboard and base our sculptures on playground equipment. We will look at how sculptures use positive and negative space within their work. Our artist focus will be on Anthony Caro and Ruth Asawa.



## **Reading**

Reading books must be in school every day. Please ensure that you are reading regularly with your children and signing their reading records. When the children have finished reading, ask them questions about the book. This helps to develop their comprehension skills. When they have finished their book, they will take a quiz to test their understanding and then they will have it changed.

If you have any questions about any of our topics, please contact me.

Thank you for your continued home support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Riley

