



Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year. It's lovely to see the children already settling back into the new routines of Year 3 and we look forward to a fun term in Maple Class. This term our topic is 'In the Beginning'. The topic will incorporate a variety of curriculum areas including:



Science – Children will be learning about rocks (including looking at the type of rocks in the local area) and light.

Art – In art we are focussing on cave paintings from Stone Age time. Children will be using their observations and recording these in sketch books using sketch pencils and chalk pastels.

DT – In Design and Technology, Maple Class will be looking at textiles in 2D and 3D shapes culminating in creating a material purse or wallet.

Geography – After half term in Geography, our focus is on Climate zones which will entail finding out about what life is like in different climates around the world.

History – This half term our topic in History is Stone Age to Iron Age.

PE – In PE this term Maple class will be having Aspire in to teach netball. We are also doing gymnastics; we will be using focussing on rolls, balance and jumps and learning to arrange a short sequence.

RE – In RE the big questions for this term are; 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' and 'What is it like to follow God?'

Music – This term, we are following a unit of work with on Charunga which gives opportunities for children to sing, learn about rhythm, beat and tempo. The children also have weekly singing with other classes.

French – This term, we will be learning about greetings, saying 'I can' followed by a verb and French culture.

Computing – Year 3 will be learning about online safety this term as well as an introduction to touch typing.

LfL (Learning for Life) – This term, year 3 will be focussing on friendship, bullying, safety rules and the law. This links in with our whole school theme of 'kindness' and 'peace'.

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Children should come in to school wearing their PE kits on these days – the kit comprises of shorts and house coloured t shirt. In colder weather children can wear track pants or leggings and sweatshirts.

In Year 3, children are no longer provided with a fruit/vegetable snack at playtime but they can bring in their own healthy fruit or vegetable snack to eat.

The children will be set homework this year which will include spellings and times tables to learn. These times tables will be learnt within a sequence – a times table sheet has been given to each child to put into their homework folder. Children can practise using 'TT rockstars' at home or could practise orally/reciting. We will be having a quiz every Wednesday. A spelling test/quiz will take place on a Thursday and then new spellings given out on a Friday. Children are also expected to read regularly at home as this really helps their reading progress and helps to encourage enjoyment of reading. Please ensure you (or your child) writes in their reading record when they have read at home.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding your child, we are available all days after school except Tuesday and briefly in the morning (apart from Mondays).

Thank you for your support

Mrs P Apperley and Mrs J Moorcroft