

# Welcome to Year 3!

## Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Exploring the Classics'. Once again, this continues to be a whole school focus that holds lots of exciting learning opportunities! Our work will be inspired by all things 'classic' including books, transport, music, games and sport.

During the Spring term our topic focus will be 'Let there be light'. This will essential be a science and history lead topic, proving excellent opportunities to both explore, create and research iconic inventions, but also experiment and create our own essential innovations.

Our Summer term topic is 'Who do you think you are?' We will be celebrating 2019, the year of indigenous cultures. Through a focus on geography and P.S.H.E. we will explore our own and wider cultures across the world. More details will be given in our topic overviews throughout the year.

## Home Learning

### **Spellings**

This year we are following a scheme called 'No Nonsense Spelling' this focuses on learning and applying spelling rules. Homework will relate to the spelling rule for that week.

### **Maths**

Your child will also get a piece of maths work which will relate to their current class focus. Homework may also build on core maths skills through completing tasks, playing games and other activities. Please support your child in completing this task.

### **Literacy (Reading Comprehension)**

Your child will bring home a short piece of information or story text with questions to answer. Some weeks we will give an alternative task such as finding local, national and world news or learning a poem to recite to the class.

As with previous years, you will also receive a homework grid. This is an optional task, but is a great opportunity for your child to take a little more ownership of their learning. Please see the separate sheet for more details.

**Homework is now given out on Friday and needs to be returned by Tuesday please!**

## Reading

As in previous years, your child will bring home two reading books. One at their current level and one above (unless free reading) and a reading record every day. Please make every effort to read with your child as often as possible and take a few minutes to write a comment in their reading record book. Please also ensure that these are returned to school each day. If your child is reading a separate book at home- please record this too!

We will aim to listen to your child read at least twice a week in school. Once will be as part of a group session (guided reading) with the other being on a 1-1 basis. If your child needs to change their book before they have read to us, please let your class teacher know and we will sort this as soon as possible.

## Rewards

We continue to use 'Class Dojo' throughout the school. Children are rewarded points for good behaviour, working hard and showing good manners in addition to the completion and sharing of home learning. We also celebrate our children's achievements in assembly (Thursday afternoon).

We continue to use the 'Good to be Green' behaviour system. This is displayed in your child's classroom. Children who remain on green can be rewarded by being chosen to go to the Head Teacher's tea party! We will let you know by dojo message, phone call or in person if your child has been placed on privilege, orange (warning) or red (time out) cards.

Dojo messaging has been a excellent way of keeping in contact with our families. Please send us pictures of what your child has been up to out of school. This can include their achievements, activities, evidence of homework grid tasks, news or simply something they would like to share. This then provides excellent speaking and listening opportunities when sharing with our class.

## P.E.

Children will have P.E. every Friday afternoon this term. Please make sure that your child has their P.E. Kit in school at the beginning of each week and that it remains in school all week. You are then welcome to take your child's P.E. Kit home to wash on a Friday afternoon!

Just a reminder that P.E. Kits should consist of a plain blue t-shirt (available from the office), black shorts and trainers.

Children are not permitted to wear any type of jewellery. Therefore, please remove your child's earrings before school or ensure that they are able to do this for themselves.

## Independence

We encourage our children to take responsibility for their own belongings. This includes having P.E. kits, reading folders, water bottles, and correct uniform in school. In turn we continue to encourage them to return home with appropriate items and to build confidence and independence as they go about everyday life in school!

## The Year 3 Team

### **'Around The World In 80 Days'**

Teacher - Mrs Wyld  
AEN support - Miss Cross

### **'Where The Wild Things Are'**

Teacher - Miss Westbrook  
AEN support - Mrs Crews, Mrs Holbrook, Mr Clark, Mrs Trang  
Intervention / Personal Plan Support - Miss Mills

