

## Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

### Curriculum

Our History topic for first half term is a Local History Study of Plumstead where we will be discovering how the buildings in Plumstead have changed since the Victorian Times. This will also give us the opportunity to find out what life was like for people during this era.

Next half term we will be looking at the human geography within our local area using maps, atlases and globes to describe the local features.

### English

In English the children will be using a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts to stimulate their writing. For the first part of the term we will be continuing with the text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Over the rest of the term we will be using 'The Tin Forest' and 'The Iron Man'

We will be using our History Topic as the stimulus for non-fiction writing.

Children will maintain reading through regular independent and guided sessions which can be fully supported with daily reading at home. We really appreciate the excellent reading support that is taking place at home by so many of you.

### Maths

In Maths we will continue to follow the 'Inspire Maths' programme, building on the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach, ensuring a deeper understanding of all mathematical concepts (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Data and Measures)

### Science

Our next science topic is 'Light' where the children will be learning about different light sources, how we see objects using light and how shadows are formed. Next half term we will move on to learning about 'Forces and Magnets' where the children will be finding out how things move, how magnets attract different materials and whether two magnets attract or repel each other. The children will continue to have opportunities to work scientifically through extending their understanding of these areas and applying skills of investigation.

### Other areas

In Music, the children are learning how to play the ukulele. They have been looking at the different parts of the instrument and they will hopefully become confident ukulele players! This term, within RE, we will be exploring Buddhism through looking at their beliefs and places of worship.

In Computing the children will be learning how to compose, send (with attachments) and receive an email as well as how to programme an action using Logo.

Outdoor PE will continue to be on a Monday and Indoor PE on a Friday. This half term Newton Class will be learning Judo and Anning Class will begin this after the half term break. Please remember that PE kits must be sent in at the beginning of term and remain in school until the half term break.

Spellings and Times Tables will continue to be sent home every Thursday to be returned on the following Tuesday. Please continue to encourage your child to practice these at home

as they do support progress in both maths and writing. The homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of each half term with a range of different activities for your child to complete.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to a successful term. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

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