



A PARENT/CARER'S GUIDE TO LIFE & LEARNING IN CLASS 3

WELCOME FROM YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very happy welcome back from Mrs Greogry, Mrs Moulton, Mr Taylor and me! I would also extend a big thank you for all your support during the autumn term.

The children have settled well into Class 3 and have taken on board the 'we always try our best' attitude. They have produced some super writing based on their own robot inventions and have enjoyed creating their own games in Kodu.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for ensuring that your child's home learning is consistently completed in the time frame set.

I look forward to sharing an exciting 2017 with Class 3, supporting and developing your child's learning.

Best wishes

Billy Sloan
Class Teacher

GENERAL INFORMATION -Spring

Term dates: Tuesday 3rd January - Thursday 16th February

Half term: Friday 17th February - Monday 27th February

Friday 7th April is the last day of the Spring term

Spellings are handed out on a Monday and tested on Friday.

Your child should read every night for 15/20 minutes.

REMINDERS:

- Full uniform should be worn every day.
- PE takes place on a Wednesday and Thursday - Year 3s will be attending Archbishop Holgates for swimming lessons until the Summer term.
- **Please label uniforms as it makes it easier to locate and return missing items**
- Please ensure that your child has a book bag for reading materials, home learning and letters.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING INFORMATION

Our curriculum theme is: The Victorians and the industrial revolution

In our writing, we will be exploring what life was like during the Victorian era. We will also be exploring other themes such as writing recounts, explanation texts and diaries using correct historical and technical vocabulary.

In maths, the focus will be to know our 3, 6, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and apply them in different contexts. Written methods for multiplication and division will also be a focus.

LEARNING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term our theme is based on learning about church and what it means to us.

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Reading: Listen to and read with your child daily. Encourage your child to read signs and print in the environment, Model strategies for reading e.g. sounding out and discuss vocabulary, character feelings and the events in the story. Encourage your child to express thoughts and opinions.

HFW: help your child to read, spell these words (using Look Say Cover Write Check method) and to put them into sentences. See if they can think of words that might mean the same thing.

Spellings: encourage your child to apply their phonics skills; sounding out letters and blends, ask your child what sound letters and blends make - may be they can teach you? Can they think of words with the same spelling pattern? Make lists of words that your child finds tricky and challenge them to learn some of them each week. Use the dictionary to find the meaning of unknown words and learn new ones.

Maths: please continue to practise times tables and also related division facts. Please continue to help your children to tell the time: ask your child "What the time is it?" and "How long until it will be ...?" Practise addition, subtraction and multiplication when shopping and compare measures such as grams and kilograms as well as litres and millilitres.

Authors and books to read (visit the library every week if you can): Anne Fine, Michael Morpurgo, Roald Dahl, Charlotte's Web, Horrid Henry, Beast Quest and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.