

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2016 ~ TERM 1

Message from the Year 3 team!

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday. We are enjoying getting to know your children and are looking forward to working with them this year!

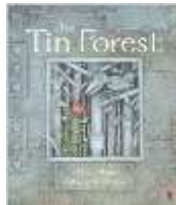
Teachers: Mrs Tucker 3T, Miss Crosby 3C, Mrs Toseland and Mrs Smith

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Davis, Mrs Tustin and Mrs Stafford

Curriculum Evening: 22nd Sept 5:30pm

English

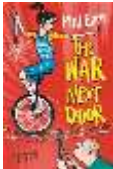
We will start the year by looking at poems and take a trip into forest school to get inspiration for our writing. We will be writing descriptions of settings linked to the text 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and will be developing our story writing with a focus on creating a plot.



The children's English targets this term will focus on the use of accurate punctuation and extending sentences using adjectives and adverbs.

Literature Festival

We will be attending the Cheltenham literature festival on 10th October to hear about Phil Earle's newest book, The war next door.



Maths

We will be focusing on number work this term. We will be helping the children to know and recall at speed the number facts for numbers up to 20 and to apply these to solve addition and subtraction problems involving different measures.

Science

In Science the children will learn about plants and will carry out investigations to develop their understanding of how plants grow. They will also use the school grounds to hunt for seeds to learn about different methods of dispersal.



History

Our History topic this term is 'The Stone and Iron age'. The children will be learning about how evidence has helped us to understand life during this time. They will also be learning about structures that still exist today e.g. Stone Henge



Art

We will be using a variety of media to create work based upon our 'Stone to Iron age' topic. If you have any spare bed sheets that could be donated for us to dye we would be very grateful.



Computing

This term the children will be using Scratch to program their own animation.



French

The children will be learning how to greet each other in French and also explore French speaking countries around the world.

P.E.

Games kits need to be in school on **Mondays** and P.E. kits in school **every day**. During games sessions this term 3C will be playing football on the field and 3T will be playing netball on the playground. Could you please ensure your child brings appropriate Games kit for the weather forecast: blue or black shorts/navy blue tracksuit top and bottoms with house t-shirt. Shin pads and football boots may be worn for football if you have them. **However children are not allowed to wear football strips.** It is also better if ear-rings are not worn on P.E/ Games days. If children are unable to remove their own ear-rings they will be asked to cover them with surgical tape for safety reasons. If your child has long hair please provide a band so that it can be tied up. **As long as it is not raining we will play outside so a plastic bag for muddy boots and clothing would be a good idea!**

Home learning

When your child is completing their homework please feel free to help them. They will learn more if you do!

Reading

Please read with your child at least **four times a week** and record this in their reading log. Reading books and logs are needed in school everyday.

Maths

Maths homework will be handed out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please continue to help your child practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. If successful progress to the 3 and 4 times tables.

Spellings

Your child has been given a home spelling booklet to practise their words for the week. Spelling tests will be carried out every Monday and new spellings set for the following week.