

## Class 3 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2016

### English

This term we will be using the story 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo to do a range of writing: diary entries in character, own stories based on the events in the book, journalistic writing and factual pieces based on WW11. The story is about two children who are evacuated during the war. If you have any artefacts from this time and are willing to show them to the children, it would be much appreciated.

We will be doing some poetry work following this.

### Maths

This term we will be focussing on place value; calculations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions and decimals. The children will be applying these skills to real life maths problems and investigations.

### Science

Light is the first unit of Science that the children will be learning this term. We will be looking at light sources and conducting investigations to find out about opaque and transparent materials; shadows; and how the eye works. Evolution and inheritance will be taught in the second half of the term when we will be investigating fossils, habitats and parents and their offspring.

### History

Anglo-Saxons versus The Vikings is the topic that the children will be learning this term. We will be investigating- what happened to Britain after the Romans left? Who were the Anglo-Saxons and how did they help shape Britain? Who were the Vikings and what happened to Britain when they invaded?

### Geography

This term the children will think about the needs of a settlement, and the needs of the planet as a whole. They will find out where resources such as power and food come from, and look at ways in which natural resources can be conserved. After discussing the idea of a carbon footprint, children will have the chance to

consider how their actions impact on others around the world, and to think about the changes that they could make to try to ensure that natural resources are shared so there is enough for everyone.

### **Computing**

The children will be using software called 'Audacity' to make a radio station recording and to make their own blogs.

### **P.E**

The children will be playing tag rugby in the first half of the term and gymnastics in the second half of the term. In Tag Rugby, they will be developing skills in throwing a 'pop' pass; catching the ball and team player skills. There will be a tournament in the beginning of November, details to follow. They will need their P.E kits (outdoor and trainers) every Monday and Thursday.

### **Music**

All the children will be learning an instrument with Jamie every Wednesday afternoon for the whole year. The instrument will change termly but will include a stringed instrument and some drumming.

### **Other information**

Handwriting- the children are learning a cursive style of handwriting.

Homework- the children will receive a list of spellings on Wednesdays and will be tested on the following Wednesday. They will be doing activities in class related to their spellings. Your child also has a log in for 'Active Learn Primary' and every Wednesday I will put a game on for them to complete by the following Wednesday. If your child does not have access to the internet, they are welcome to use the school computers.

Reading- please ensure that your child reads to you at least once a week and then please sign the reading record book and return it to school along with their reading book. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting/ catching up with you at Parent's Evening. Of course, if you need to see me before that, please call in and see me or make an appointment.