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Class 3 Information – Autumn 1 2019

I hope you are all ready for the new term.

A few reminders to start off with:

- School doors open at 8.40 and the register will be taken promptly at 8.50. If you need to speak to me before school starts please come before 8.50, otherwise the class will be learning. Please remember you can always leave messages in person at the office, by phone or by email and I will get back to you as soon as possible.
- The school day has changed slightly with break time moving from 10.15 to 10.45. It will still be 15 minutes long.
- P.E. will be taught on a Tuesday and a Friday. It is advisable to bring it in on a Monday and leave it at school through the week in case it is needed. As we enter the winter months, trainers are needed due to the wetter weather.
- Children need to plan ahead by bringing in coats, jumpers and water bottles, should they be required.
- Please ensure ALL your clothing is labelled.
- Planners - In Class 3 the children will have planners to remind them of upcoming events as well as to record guided reading or other interventions they are taking part in. You can write communications in these, although they will not be checked every day by staff. If you need a message passing on, please make your child aware of the message that needs to be seen.

Our learning

Maths – Our focus for this half term will be number, place value, rounding and addition and subtraction both mentally and using formal methods (columnar.) Year 5 will be using numbers up to 1,000,000 and Year 6 to 10,000,000 as well as decimal places. A Year 4 objective is to know all times table to 12x12. If you know your child has gaps, please continue to practise at home.

English – In English we will be using the text, ‘Time Travelling with a Hamster’. We will then be writing our own narratives as well as instructions/explanations. The children will take part in a guided reading activity most days, focusing on: comprehension, free-reading and pre-reading tasks.



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Our topic this half term is 'Decades'.

History and Geography – The primary focus of this will be the fashion and music, primarily in the UK. The children will aim to understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically valid questions and create their own structured accounts, including written biographies and analyses.



As part of our learning we will be going on an educational visit. More details to follow please look out for this in the newsletter.

Art/DT – The children will be looking at *illustrious illusions* and *funky fashion*, particularly around the 50s/60s

Further to this, the children will be learning:

RE – This half term, the children will be focusing on 'Where, How and Why People Worship'.

Science – Materials and their properties

Music – Young voices singing. We are looking into putting on a concert at school for parents, carers and friends towards the end of the term.

Computing – To begin with there will be a focus on basic functions before we learn about technology in our lives, e-safety, programming and the use of multimedia.

P.E. – Mr Warriner will be teaching dance. In our Friday session, this half term we will be leaning cross country and circuits to coincide with indoor athletics.

French – Mrs Gale and Miss Wilkie will be honing Class 3's conversational skills so the children have a practical command of basic French.



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Outdoor Learning will take place once per week – we have some sorry looking benches outside our classroom and so we shall be upcycling these. It is also our responsibility to keep the plant beds weed free and to harvest the corn crop.

Homework

Years 2-5	Xtables – Through rockstars Spellings – Children have already received the list for the half term Reading Comprehension (First News / National Geographic / The Week Junior – once per half term) Reading – levelled books from school (e.g. dark blue) Last week of each term – research / practical / maths investigation.
Year 6	Xtables – Through rockstars Spellings – Children have already received the list for the half term Reading Comprehension(First News / National Geographic / The Week Junior – once per half term) Reading 10 minute test ESPAG a week 10 minutes test Maths a week 10 minute test Reading a week Last week of each term – research / practical / maths investigation.

Lastly, if you have not signed up to Class Dojo, please get in touch as this is a quick and simple way to communicate, where I often give out reminders.

Many thanks

Mr Chapman