



"DEVELOP A PASSION FOR LEARNING. IF YOU DO, YOU WILL NEVER CEASE TO GROW".

Welcome to your first term! Class 3

Term 1a - Autumn

by Mr Weeks

A warm welcome to all the children of class 3 and their parents. I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and is ready for a great autumn term.

The newsletter will detail a few important messages to pass on followed by an outline of what the children will be learning across the subjects throughout the term.

Pencil Cases

We have decided as a class that pencil cases will be best kept outside the classroom. Children are welcome to bring pencil cases in but these should only have colouring pencils and colouring pens in if they wish. The school has provided whole table stationery pots so that pupils have everything they need in lessons. This will avoid stationery getting lost, damaged or becoming an unnecessary distraction. Therefore pupils can be encouraged to use their stationery for homework.

Homework

Pupils will keep a record of their homework in their diaries (which will be provided). Homework will be given out every **Friday** and handed in the following

Thursday at the latest. Children must bring these diaries in every day in case important updates need to be added.

It is important that reading books are in school every day. The impact of regular reading at home on children's progress cannot be underestimated. Weekly spellings will also be given out to practise at home.

Maths

Children will focus on place value along with the four operations (+ - ÷ x). Practising times tables will continue throughout the term and may I encourage them to practise these at home (particularly 3s and 4s).

English

We will be reading the novel *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King throughout the term which links well to our Stone Age theme. The key areas of focus will be diary entries, letters and character studies.

Science

Our topic this term is 'Animals including humans'. We will focus on areas of healthy eating and anatomy. We will also

tie in the theory of evolution (linking to our Stone Age topic).

PE

We are fortunate to have two PE coaches for most of the half term. They specialize in football and gymnastics. Swimming will also run until May 2018.

Art/DT

Pupils will be creating moving books and exploring a range of UK architects.

ICT

We will be learning about e-safety and exploring game design (using software such as Scratch).

RE

Miss Jewett will be teaching identity and belonging and exploring concepts of Christianity and Jesus.

History

Linking to our theme, we will be looking at the Stone Age and the transition into the Iron Age.

It has been a pleasure to meet all of your children and I look forward to meeting you all in the near future. Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mr Weeks