



Welcome
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Class 3

"THE EXPERT IN ANYTHING WAS ONCE A BEGINNER – HELEN HAYES".

Term 1b - Autumn

by Mr Weeks

Congratulations class 3 on a successful first half term. You have all worked exceptionally hard and I'm very proud of your achievements so far. Can I thank the parents for their continuing support with homework, reading and supporting times tables – this has made a huge difference in class.

Reading

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. I'm sure you are aware of the huge benefits, not to mention that 20 minutes of reading a day exposes them to about 1.8 million words a year! Whilst it may not always be possible to hear your child read every night, a minimum of 3 times per week is a great starting point which will build their confidence, skills and most importantly, a love of reading. Please could you make sure that you record when you have read together and this is picked up in class once or twice a week. *If pupils need to change a reading book they are now able to do this at breaktime.* This ensures fresh books are coming home straight away.

Uniforms

Please could you check that all school uniform has their initials in the tag (if not already embodied into their top). A number have been left on the yard and

in the cloakroom making it difficult to identify who they belong to.

Maths

Children will focus on multiplication and division methods whilst consolidating their knowledge of the four operations. Practising times tables will continue throughout the term and may I encourage them to practise 3s and 4s if they are not fully confident with them yet. If they are, they can start practising 8x table using the 'going for gold' booklet.

English

We are continuing to read the novel *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King throughout the term. The key areas of focus will be letters, character studies and alternative chapter endings.

Science

Our topics this term is 'Plants'. This will include a practical study using food colouring to understand the life processes of plants.

PE

Swimming will continue to run until May. FISCH club until 28.11.17. PE lessons should mainly be on a Thursday afternoon and will include competitive

games (basketball, netball, rounders etc.). PE kits are to remain in school throughout the whole half term (unless exceptionally muddy). In which case, kits should be brought in on a Monday with shorts, t-shirt and appropriate footwear.

Art/DT

Pupils are close to completing their moving book designs. After that we will be learning about sketching and drawing or UK architects depending on class preference.

ICT

After learning how to safely search on the internet, we will begin to use ICT as a tool for research and explore basic design software.

RE

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

History

We will be looking at the Stone Age and the transition into the Iron Age. This will include a comparison with our current novel.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. If I don't hear from you before, I look forward to meeting with you at parents' evening.

Kind Regards,

Mr M Weeks

