



# Class 3 News - September 2018

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are keen to get into the routine of school life again. We have a fun-packed term ahead...

## Ancient Greece

This term the focus of our history and geography will be *Ancient Greece*. We will be finding out all about life a long time ago and will be thinking about how the *Greeks* have affected the way we live today. We will be linking this topic to our English work and will be reading lots of myths, creating our own beasts and writing our own stories with heroes and challenges. In Design and Technology we are also making our own monsters. We will be exploring pneumatic systems and finding out what they are. We will use this information to make a moving mythical monster.

## English

In addition to our work on *Ancient Greece*, we will be revising basic punctuation and ensuring we have mastered full stops, capital letters, commas, question marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes and speech marks.

There are many spelling objectives on the Key Stage 2 curriculum, with some requiring several weeks to secure due to their complexity. I have made a long term plan for the objectives and will provide you with a list (or word mat) of the words we will be covering in class as homework. Please could you read over the words with your child and ensure they are familiar with their meaning and practise spelling the words out.

## Maths

We will be focusing on number and place value and methods of addition and subtraction.

## Science

With Miss Jewett, class 3 will be finding out about humans. They will be studying eating and the digestive system.

## RE

This term in RE, the children will work with Miss Jewett to learn about identity and belonging.

## Music

We will be learning to play the recorder this year with Mrs Coulls, our music specialist from the Durham Music Service.

## PE

In PE this term we are very lucky to have a gymnastics coach from South Durham Gymnastics Club. The sessions will take place every Friday. Please can I remind you that from September 2018, we have introduced a PE uniform of navy shorts or joggers, a white T shirt and a navy jumper (should it be needed). We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch.

We will also be swimming every Monday where swimming costumes, towels, hat and goggles (optional) will be needed.

Please write a note in your child's school diary or contact the school office if there are any circumstances where they need to miss PE or swimming.



## Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and due to be handed in the following Wednesday. This gives the children the opportunity to ask for help on a Monday or Tuesday should they need it.

## Reading

I have issued a new reading book to every child in the class based on the reading records handed over from their previous year group. In class 3, we will change books on a Monday, Thursday and Friday (due to when support is in class). I will be showing the children how to fill out their reading diary to track their reading. Please could you date and sign your child's diary to keep a record of what they have read.

Reading for pleasure is something I feel very passionate about, so I always encourage the children to read a breadth of other material as well as their levelled book from the reading scheme. We will be organising library books in the coming weeks so the children can have the opportunity to read something of their own free choice.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Kind regards,

Miss Dodds