



## Class 3 News - January 2019

Happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all the best for 2019.

What we will be learning this half term:

**English** - We will be basing our work this term around the novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. It is an exciting adventure story about a little girl who wishes to follow in her father's footsteps. We will be writing character and setting descriptions, recounts and diaries and also making some beautiful artwork.

All of our spellings for this half term will be looking at prefixes and how they change the meaning of a root word. We will be completing various spelling investigations and some homework will be based around this. We will complete a weekly spelling test on a Friday, so practice and revision at home is greatly appreciated.

**Maths** - At the start of term we are completing a data topic in order to find out the most popular toys received in 2018. We will be gathering data and drawing bar charts and pictograms to show our findings. After looking at number sequences for a week, we will then complete a week on each operation: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be working towards formal methods of calculation for each of the operations and solving real life problems using them.

**History** - We are learning about the Romans and their impact on Britain. We will be looking at our local history in relation to the Romans. Mr Henderson, our Chair of Governors, will be coming into school to carry out some workshops and show us some artefacts.

**DT** - Our topic is to design and make an alarm system. The children will be experimenting with circuits and switches and then deciding for what purpose they would like to make an alarm system. Will they want to protect some diamonds, apprehend a burglar or deter a sibling!?

**PE** - Swimming continues to run every Monday morning. Our additional PE lesson is on a Friday where we will be completing dance with a coach. 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. Please can jewellery be removed and long hair tied back on these days.

**ICT** - In ICT we will be learning about how to stay safe online. We will also be coding using the website codeforlife and using Scratch to make our own animations.

**Music** - Class 3 are continuing to learn how to play the recorder with Mrs Coulls.

Miss Jewett will continue to teach RE and science this term. In RE, Class 3 will be looking at what Christians believe about Jesus and God. In Science, the topic this half term is electricity. This links closely to our DT topic where the children will be putting their theory work into a practical context.



### 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

We have a lot of additional help this term in Class 3, so there will be lots of opportunities for your child to read aloud with an adult. Please could they bring their reading book and diary to school every day.

### PGCE Student

Miss Galley will return to Class 3 from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January for three weeks. She will be completing her placement with us and teaching a large proportion of the lessons. I will still be there to support and oversee this, however it will give me the opportunity to work one to one with the children and with small groups. I intend to listen to the children read as frequently as I can, set personalised spelling programmes for the children who are struggling and support individuals with handwriting.

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