



Welcome to Autumn 2

Term 1b - Autumn

by Mrs Bradwell

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. Everyone has returned, re-energised and ready to learn, which is fantastic as we have a very busy half term ahead of us.

I have included an outline of the curriculum for this half term for your child.

Homework

Homework will continue to be accessed online with a focus on times tables, reading, spelling and maths skills; new activities will be set each week and more information about how to access this will be sent out soon.

Weekly spellings are part of homework - the spelling lists for this term can be found on our school website in the Class 3 section and on the yearly overview previously sent out.

The new spelling approach continues to be a success. I am impressed with the children's enthusiasm as they aim to beat the previous week's class total and they have become rather competitive with this. The children will continue to be tested every Monday, before they are taught the new spelling rule for that week.

Reading books will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and it would be very helpful to send books back on time (Tuesday morning) in order for them to be quarantined before going out again the following week. **The impact of regular reading at home on children's progress cannot be underestimated.**

I would like to remind and encourage children to take an active role in their reading and make additional comments (to yours) in their diaries to reflect on the reading and progress they are making at home. I would also really enjoy having an insight into what books they enjoy reading at home too.

We have a class library available to the children and they have selected a book of their choice to read during school time.

Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths this term and there will be a big focus on multiplication and division, as well as length and perimeter. We will continue to focus on times tables and I encourage you to support your child when chanting tables and playing on TT Rockstars. Knowing the tables and their associated division facts supports mathematical learning and understanding and those children who have a strong grasp of them tend to be more self-assured when learning new concepts in maths.

English

Over the term we will continue to read *The Leopard in the Golden Cage* by Julia Edwards. The children are really enjoying the novel and we have scheduled a virtual workshop with the author which the children are very excited about. This term the children will write a diary entry, a short story and explore different poetry. Each week your child will have the opportunity to read with me in a small group and will read a variety of genres and a range of fiction and non-fiction.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'States of Matter'.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be a Friday and we will be focusing on games – 3 *touch ball*. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their 'outdoor' PE kit so that they are warm throughout the day as the weather is now getting colder. Please also make sure they are wearing sensible footwear. 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.

Art

The children will be designing, making and evaluating a mosaic tile which will be influenced by Roman designs.

Computing

Mrs Mowbray will be teaching computing and the children will be developing their skills using Microsoft Word.

Spanish

Miss Forth will be continuing to teach Spanish.

Geography

The children will be exploring Europe and identifying: places, features and people, with a focus on Italy and its land use, key human and physical features and locations.

I am pleased to share that everyone has settled back into Class 3 and I am very proud of their behaviour and how well they have been working!

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Kind Regards,

Mrs Bradwell

