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Year 3 Class – Newsletter Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome from the Year 3 team. We look forward to meeting you over the coming year and we are delighted to welcome the children back after the holidays. We cannot wait to introduce our new topics this term and hope the children will enjoy learning as much as we have enjoyed planning them. Below is a brief overview of some of the exciting things they will be learning about this term.

Were the dark ages really dark?

In our topic this term we will be finding out about the dark ages. Pupils will be learning about the waves of invaders and settlers who came to Britain from Scandinavia and North Western Europe during the period 450 to 1100 A.D. and the influence this had on both the invaders and the invaded.



The children will also be learning about some of the key features of life during the Anglo-Saxon period and investigate the ownership of the Sutton Hoo helmet. The class will also be studying the Bayeux Tapestry and look at how it has helped us understand the past.

English

In our English lessons this term the children will be completing a variety of activities from spellings to comprehension to writing tasks. We will look at both fiction and non-fiction text, including using the text *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo as a focus. The children will also look at planning, evaluating and redrafting their work to improve it. We will also look at adverbials of time and places to help develop our story.



Maths

This term we will be looking at place value and using it to help with many areas of numeracy. The children will work on written strategies such as addition and subtraction and there will be time in every maths lesson spent on embedding rapid recall of times tables. We will also be looking at data handling, 2D shape and measure.



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Science

In this Science module this term, the children will work as 'Rock Detectives' establishing core knowledge and understanding of rocks, their relationship to soils and how fossils have formed over time. Children will be given the opportunity to carry out investigations and compare and analysis data.



Reading

Reading is important in all areas of the curriculum. Children will have the opportunity to read every day in school and we would encourage them to find a little time every day to read at home as well. Children need to fill their reading records in and have them in school every day. To encourage and develop an interest in reading, the class will be also be reading Beowulf as part of guided reading.

P.E.

The children will be taught their PE lessons on Monday afternoons for the first half of the term. Please could children have their PE kit in school at all times for times when we may have the opportunity for extra PE.



Homework

Children will need to complete a variety of homework in Year 3. As well as a little reading every evening, we ask that they work on their spellings and times tables. Children will also be set maths homework every week.

We hope that this sheet has been helpful. Any queries please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

.Yours sincerely,

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Y3 Class Teachers