

## Class 3 Autumn Term 1 2021

Welcome back! Here's a summary of what we will be learning this term with Mrs Johnson and Mrs Littler:

**English:** As writers, we will be investigating recounts through the books, 'Wish you were here' and 'Voices in the Park'. We will be visiting our local park to see if we can experience first-hand what the author Anthony Browne wrote about in his book. We will be using different conjunctions to ensure our recounts are fun to read and flow well. We will also Take One Book and look at it in depth. 'Meerkat Mail' is our text of choice and we will be writing postcards and our own meerkat adventures in response. We will also be exploring a range of poems to build children's vocabulary and understanding of words.



Finally, we will be looking at instructions and writing our own versions, making sure they are clear enough so that an alien could follow them. We will use lots of new vocabulary on the way, so please be sure to ask the children about any new words they have learned.

**Maths:** As mathematicians, the Year 2s will be securing their fluency with numbers, place value, counting on and back, numbers to 100, as well as solving addition and subtraction problems. Year 3s will be focusing on place value, estimation, magnitude and rounding, mental fluency with addition and subtraction as well as number fact families. We will make sure to learn different strategies to help us discover the answers, and when best to use each one.

**Science:** As Scientists, we will observe, compare and describe how different objects move and investigate whether different surfaces affect how things move. We will look at how some forces need contact whilst magnetic forces act at a distance. We will observe how magnetic poles attract and repel each other and we will investigate and sort materials based on whether they are attracted to a magnet.

**Geography:** As Geographers, we will use a range of resources to identify the key physical and human features of locations. We will ask and answer questions about different places and use geographical vocabulary to describe them. We will share our views of different locations and whether we would like to go there on our meerkat adventure. We will look at our local area and draw simple maps and plans and give directions to get to a place.

**Art:** As Artists, we will use the works of famous artist as the inspiration for our own landscape creations. We will mix colours and use painting techniques to paint different landscapes for our postcards.

**D&T:** As Designers, we will measure and prepare ingredients needed in recipes to cook apple crisp and harvest soup.

**Music:** As Musicians, we will explore how sounds are produced and classified and explore timbre and structure through musical conversations in music from around the world. We will also explore songs and poems about places and create accompaniments and sound pictures to reflect sounds in our local environment.

**Computing:** In Computing, we will give precise instructions and directions to make a device move to a specific destination.

**PSHE:** In PSHE we explore positive aspects of family life, how families can be different, the ways people can care for each other but also what to do if something is making them unhappy or feel unsafe. We will also look at respectful behaviour; the importance of self-respect; courtesy and being polite.

**PE:** In PE we will throw, catch, kick and pass a ball with increasing control. We learn the basic rules to play football and netball and play fairly and tactically.

Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is in school at all times, including plimsolls or trainers, as most of our PE will be outdoors this term. Although P.E is timetabled on set days (Monday and Thursday), sometimes this needs to change to accommodate the weather etc.

### **Home Learning**

**Reading:** Please encourage your child to read at home each night. Please discuss and ask questions about the illustrations and story to enable comprehension and enjoyment. Also, please check and explain the meaning of unfamiliar words to develop their vocabulary.

**Spelling:** Each Friday the children will be given a list of spellings to learn. The children will be tested on these spellings the following Thursday.

**Other homework:** Other homework will also be given related to what is being learnt in class to consolidate learning and will be given out when appropriate.

We are so pleased to have the children back and we are looking forward to teaching them this year.

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Littler