

# Autumn Term - Key Stage 2

## Year 3



Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable summer.  
We look forward to working with you and hope that you find the newsletter informative and helpful.

Many thanks,  
Miss Pitts, Miss Horn and Miss Eager— Year Three Team

### LITERACY

Our literacy this term will be based on the Power of Reading books— *Journey* and *Oliver and the Seawigs*. *Journey* is a new and very exciting wordless picture book through which we will develop the children's imagination, inference and deduction skills. Please do not read these books in advance to your child at home, so it allows the children to use their predictive skills in school.

### NUMERACY

We will be focusing on number, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for the Autumn term.

Please do keep practising times tables at home and speed of times tables, these will be tested weekly. We will re-cap Year 2 times tables during the first couple of weeks and move children on when they score successfully.

### SCIENCE

This term our science units are 'Plants' and 'Rocks and soils'. The children will learn more about the parts of a plant, including the reproductive parts. They will learn about pollination and seed dispersal. The children will compare and group different types of rocks based on physical properties and appearance. They will describe how fossils are formed and they will recognise that soils are made from rocks.

### TOPIC

Our first topic is 'Gateways to the World'. This is predominantly a geography topic, however, the children also do art and design activities throughout.



### NEWS

There are no longer swimming lessons offered in Year 3. Swimming will be taking place in Year 5 instead. Please remember that snacks are no longer provided in KS2, so if you wish your child to have something to eat at break time, please provide a healthy fruit based snack (no nuts allowed).



### Dates for your diary

11th Sept	Coffee Morning + Workshop
14th—18th Oct	Art and DT week
21st-25th Oct	Half Term
29th & 30th Oct	Parents Evening
19th Dec	End of Term

This year we will be continuing with the Homework Menus. These will be given at the start of each half term and will consist of 8 tasks. Tasks 1-4 are compulsory tasks and will need to be completed. Children will be awarded stickers for the tasks they complete. We ask that homework is handed in on a Wednesday in order for us to mark and give back for the weekend. Please understand that if homework is handed in after Wednesday it will not be marked before the weekend. We will be testing the children's spellings and times tables on a Monday, so please ensure the books are in school on that day. Reading records (Vocabulary books) need to be handed in on a Friday.

Please ensure PE kits are in school at the start of each week. It is important that the children have a tracksuit and trainers in school for outdoor PE in cold weather as the children still go outside. This year PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday.