

**Class 3 Newsletter**  
**Autumn 1 2018**



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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to class 3! I hope that everyone has had a good break and is now recharged and ready to begin the academic year in a new class. I am delighted to be teaching new children and look forward to the exciting learning and adventuring we will do together this year!

Our first topic is '**Meet the Flintstones**', which has a focus on the Stone Age. Other curriculum areas will link to this theme where possible.

For our Novel Study English lessons, class 3 will work alongside class 4. This creates wonderful opportunities to work collaboratively with another class and enables powerful learning experiences to take place. We will be reading '**The Tear Thief**' by **Carol Ann Duffy** over the first half term. It is imperative that the children **DO NOT** have access to the book at home as a lot of our learning will take place through the detailed exploration of characters, setting and plot. The children will have access to the book at school in carefully planned sections so that the highest level of understanding can be achieved. This focused approach will feed directly into their writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation skills. We have continued to see an incredibly positive impact on the quality of writing throughout the school since the introduction of the 'Novel Study' approach and expect this to continue to develop further through each unit of work. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into the school to see how the learning environment itself is, once again, transformed to promote a deeper level of learning in the classroom.

Our lessons will continue to be taught through different values with a view to embedding them in our learning and behaviour. Our value this half term is '**Courage**'.

Please see our class page on the school website to access detailed term plans for all curriculum areas and a yearly overview.

This half term our P.E. lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has kit for inside and outside P.E.

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. Please ensure that you comment on or initial their progress in their reading log. The children will be heard reading at school on a regular basis through both 1:1 and group guided reading sessions.

Homework will continue to be given on a monthly basis. Children are encouraged to hand their homework in on a Wednesday so that it can be marked and returned to them on a Friday. Please see the our class web page for a copy of the current homework document,

Please feel free to talk to me about any queries or concerns. My door is always open!

Many thanks,

Mrs G Wood.