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Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after our summer break. We hope you've all had a lovely holiday and are ready for the new term. This year we are embracing some more new topics, so there may be a few differences to previous years!

Our class topic until half term will be **'Were the Dark Ages Really Dark?'** The children will be looking at the historical side of the Anglo-Saxons and will be visiting West Stow as part of this topic.



- **Literacy** – We will be linking many aspects of our literacy this year with the topic we are covering. This half-term we will be focusing on biographies and Myths and Legends relating to Anglo-Saxons.
- **Maths** – The children will start by improving their understanding of place value. Followed by addition and subtraction methods, using inverse operations and problem solving. Then some work on times tables and written multiplication.
- **Science** – The first topic will be 'Can you see me?' looking at light and how we see things.

After half term our class topic will be 'Around the World in 20 days'

- **Literacy** – In line with our topic, we will be writing fables and persuasive texts.
- **Maths** – This half term will cover mental division. We will focus a lot on fractions and times tables. In addition, we will be improving our understanding about length, perimeter and statistics.
- **Science** – the children will learn about the rocks and soils

In Religious Education we will be learning about Diwali.



Homework

Homework is an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed. Weekly spellings will again be sent home on a Thursday, the children will have 10 spellings to learn. They will be tested on the following Thursday. Maths will be sent home on a Friday afternoon. It doesn't need to be returned until the following Friday. There will be projects set for topic work which the children will need to produce at the end of the half term – parents will also be invited in to view.

Reading

Every **Monday** morning we will be asking the children in Year 3 to give us their reading records. If they have read **at home at least 3 times**, in the previous week, then we will reward them with a stamp at the top of the page and a raffle ticket for the weekly prize draw. Therefore please help your child by filling in their reading record when they have read at home (in Year 3 we also consider them old enough to fill in their own reading records if they wish). It can be ANY book, not just their reading book or library book. Once the children have read their reading books they will need to complete a short online test. To pass this test they need to score 80%. For every test passed in a month, the children will be placed in a prize draw to win a book. Please encourage your children to answer questions as they read to you.

P.E.

P.E. for Year 3 will be having P.E. on a **Monday** for this half term, next half term it will be a **Wednesday**. A full P.E. kit should be kept in school at all times. Children will be **swimming** on **Friday** afternoons, so please can you make sure they have the correct kit. **NO EARRINGS ARE ALLOWED FOR PE OR SWIMMING** (the children must be able to remove and put them back in themselves). Please make sure that everything is labelled clearly.

Water bottles

We ask that children take their bottles home on a Friday so that they can be cleaned ready for Monday. Please remind children to bring them back, cleaned and filled with water (no squash please!). New bottles can be purchased from the school office.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and see us or make an appointment at the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lawrence