

**Class 3 Newsletter**

 **Term 3 2017**

What we are learning

In term 3 we have a whole school book term, where our topics and learning are based around a book. In Class 3 our chosen book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. It is set to be an exciting term, with lots of ‘chocolate’ activities across many areas of the curriculum.

We will be finding out where chocolate comes from and how cocoa beans were first used thousands of years ago. Through Design and Technology the children will have the opportunity to design and create their own chocolate bar and packaging, especially for Willy Wonka!

In Literacy our focus will be on the characters and adventures surrounding Charlie and Willy Wonka’s factory. We will be using the story as a stimulus for our own writing as well as the basis for creating advertisement posters and calligrams.

In Maths we will be exploring time, beginning with telling the time on analogue clocks to the quarter of an hour, focussing on o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will then practice telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. It would be really useful if you could practice this at home with your children. We will also be practising and developing our learning and knowledge ofmultiplication and division.

Our learning in Science will focus on ‘Uses of Everyday Materials’, including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. We will compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. The children will also explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times.

This term in RE our unit will be ‘Why are some stories special?’ This unit explores how religions and beliefs express values and commitments in a variety of creative ways.

Dates for this term

23rd – 27th January – Book Week

25th January – Bedtime Stories

10th February – End of Term 3

**Thank you for your continued support.**

More news

The children have really enjoyed taking home the cookery bags and they have proved to be very popular. Therefore we shall continue this term, beginning with those children who have not yet had the opportunity to take one home yet. In each bag is a recipe card and the equipment needed to cook a dish for your family. Cooking is a fantastic activity to do with your children; they can learn and practice a whole range of skills, plus it gives them a better understanding of food and where it all comes from. The smallest of hands can be surprisingly good in the kitchen, so why not get those sleeves rolled up for some good cooking fun with your children.

Our Class 3 assembly is due to be shown to all parents at the end of this term. This is a fantastic opportunity to see what your child has been learning in school. Dates to be confirmed.

Mrs Adamson’s Zumba club will ow be held on a Monday, after school until 4pm. This is open to all children in Class 3 so if your child would like to take part please let Mrs Adamson know.

Reminders

Please remember that PE Kits are needed in school **everyday** for every child**.** Without the right kit it is very hard for your children to enjoy the full curriculum within school. Our days for PE continue to be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Children also need to have a good-fitting pair of daps or trainers for outdoor PE sessions.

We all know that reading is one of the most important fundamental skills children (or anyone) must master to succeed in school and to succeed in life. Almost everything we do involves reading of some form. So, as always, please give your children the opportunity to read to you on a regular basis throughout the week and then to sign their reading record, so that we know how well their reading is going at home and also when to change their book.

Thank you, once again, to all parents who are allowing their children to come into the cloakroom, on their own, at the beginning of the day. By Years 2 and 3 children are very independent and should be organising themselves for the day ahead on their own, just as they do throughout the school day.