



# Year 3 Newsletter

*We discover and realise the genius in everyone!*

## Dear Parents...

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the year, with everyone working really hard. Well done everyone!

We have an exciting half term ahead of us and we are really looking forward to continuing our learning journey. In this newsletter, you will find the details of what your child will be learning over the course of the half term. We will be delving into some exciting topics and hope that the children will share these with you through discussions at home.

*Mr Fletcher, Mrs Golding, Miss Morton and Miss Adams.*

## TOPIC FOCUS: THE USA

Through our topic this term, the children will develop their geographical knowledge of America including information on its climate and the physical features of the land. We will be comparing two different states in America as well as making comparisons with London. In computing, the children will be learning about coding.

They will be creating their own codes as well as using the app 'Tynker'. In science, we will be learning about forces and magnets. We will discover whether the size of a magnet affects the strength of a magnet. In DT, we will be designing and making bread!

## VALUES

Each half term, we will be focusing on a new value that aims to create a positive atmosphere around the school. This half term, our value is Respect.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please make sure that the medical and dietary information we have about your child is up to date. Any asthma pumps must be signed in at the school office.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 13th November

Odd Socks Day

### 10th - 15th November

Book Fair

### 28th November

Panto Workshop and Performance

### 13th December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performances at 2pm

### 14th December

Christmas Lunch

### 21st December

Last day of Autumn Term

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please make sure your child has a book bag as they will need it to take home their reading books and improve their reading. The book bags should be brought in to school every day, even if they haven't finished their books.

Please support your child to bring their PE kit to school every Monday and leave it in school until Friday. Please ensure your child's name is written on each item as it helps us locate any missing items.

## English

During the first week of term, we will be looking at how to structure and write interview scripts. We will be using these skills to imagine we have interviewed Barack and Michelle Obama.

Then, we will be focusing our learning around a new engaging text called 'Milo Imagines The World'. Like the main character, Milo, we will be writing a narrative about one of the passengers that we see on his subway journey. We will also be debating and writing a persuasive argument based on the question: Should dancing on public transport be illegal?

## Maths

In our Maths lessons, we will work on a broad range of skills, particularly focusing on multiplication and division. Using a wide variety of resources and real-world examples, the children will apply their knowledge and skills in many

different contexts. The children will also engage in maths investigations in order to develop their problem-solving skills.

By the end of year 3, your child should be fluent in the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. They should be able to quickly recall these times tables as well as related facts such as division.

### ONLINE SAFETY

Talk to your child about how the internet can be used to find information - you can use it to find out pretty much anything! Explain to your child that it can sometimes be dangerous and we need to make sure we know how to stay safe on the internet.

## HOME LEARNING

Spellings will be given out half termly and tested each week. Please support your child by practising them often.

We encourage you to read with your child **for 10 minutes every day**. Please record the books your child reads in their reading champion book. There are lots of rewards for reading books at home so please do encourage your child to read as much as possible! You can also log onto Sora to access an online library of books to read at home.

Please ensure your children practise their number facts homework regularly each week. The children should become fluent and aim to answer each question in under 5 seconds! They can earn certificates for scoring over 50 in these weekly tests.

Help your child to log in to Times Tables Rock Stars at home to practise their times tables.

The children also have access to Numbots using their Times Table Rock Stars login details. This will aid their fluency in number facts such as number bonds. Contact your child's class teacher if you need login details.