



# Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope the children had a lovely summer break – we've been delighted to see that the children have come back ready to learn and eager to do well. We have a busy and exciting half-term planned.

## For your diaries:

Inset day - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September- SCHOOL CLOSED

Zoo educational visit - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Curriculum Evening – Meet the Year 3 Team – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm

Half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

## Our Learning this half term:

### **Topic: Rainforests**

We are starting the year with an exciting topic all about rainforests. Children will investigate different animals, learning how to group and classify them by their features and diets. We will also explore skeletons and why they are important, healthy eating for humans and animals, and how plants get their food and water.

### **Art**

In art, we will take inspiration from international artist Mark Quinn and local artist Christine Witham to create our own textile flowers.



### **English**

We will study two texts this half term. The first, *The Tin Forest*, will help us write descriptions of contrasting settings. The second, *There's an Orangutan in My Bedroom*, will link to our rainforest theme and introduce persuasive writing about palm oil production and its impact on orangutans.

### **Reading**

Children will either continue with Read Write Inc phonics or join guided reading groups. Both will focus on building fluency, expression, and enjoyment of a wide range of texts.

### **Maths**

We will begin by looking at place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. Children will use practical resources, drawings, and written methods to show their understanding. They will also be encouraged to explain their thinking and solve real-life word problems.

### **PSHE**

This term we will focus on relationships: learning about families, treating others with respect, and staying safe, including online.

## **PE**

PE takes place on **Mondays (outdoor)** and **Wednesdays (indoor with Mr Scurr)**. Please ensure children have a PE jacket or waterproof coat for outdoor lessons, as we use an all-weather pitch.

## **Computing**

Children will learn to log in to the school laptops, use the internet and Google Classroom, and practise simple editing skills such as copying, pasting, and creating presentations.

## **Music**

We will follow the Charanga scheme, which helps children explore rhythm, tone, and instruments through singing and music-making. After half term, children will also begin learning their Christmas songs.

## **Organisation**

It has been lovely to see everyone starting the year smartly dressed and ready to learn. Please remember:

- Uniform includes black school shoes or plain black trainers.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- All belongings should be clearly labelled.

As always, should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards and best wishes,

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