

**Welcome to Year 3!**

I hope you've all had a lovely and relaxing summer break. We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us and I am so proud of how brilliantly the children have all settled in to KS2- well done! I hope you find the information below helpful. Please feel free to contact the Year 3 team before or after school if you have any concerns or questions. Alternatively, you can write messages to us in your child's reading record.

Miss Clayton 😊

**English**

We will be focusing on the folktale of *The Lancashire Giant* and a selection of other folktales which will prompt our reading and writing for this half-term. Following this, we will be writing a biography about a famous person.

**Maths**

This half-term, Year 3 will be learning about the topics below:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Length and perimeter
- Statistics

**Science**

We will be learning all about the human body, such as the skeleton and how our muscles work. Then, we will revisit our knowledge about health and nutrition.

**Guided Reading/Spelling**

The children will have Guided Reading for 30 minutes every day. We will spend time reading a range of different books and texts, exploring vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking. The children will also have a 30-minute spelling session three times a week.

**Geography**

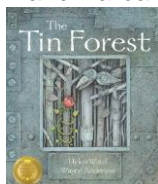
We will begin our Geography unit by researching Preston and our local areas. Then, we will investigate how our local area has changed over time.

**Computing**

Our computing unit this half-term is all about computer systems and networks. We will be learning how digital devices work, how they help us and how computers are connected.

**Art**

We will be sculpting a tin forest, taking inspiration from Yong Won Son and Barbara Licha.

**PE**

PE will take place on a Thursday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on creative games and gymnastics.

**French**

We will learn basic greetings in and numbers up to 20 in French.



## RE

This half-term's focus is Christianity. We will be asking: How and why have some people served God?

## PSHE

Year 3 will be learning all about their brain and how we can manage big feelings. The children will also have role play opportunities to equip them with the tools they need to solve issues they may face in and out of school.

## Music

Music will be taught in line with our whole-school curriculum. This half-term, children will continue developing their skills in singing, listening and performing through a range of class-based activities.

## Reminders

- **Star Assembly** – If children have certificates, medals or other achievements that they would like to celebrate in star assembly, please bring these in on a Friday.
- **Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles.
- **PE** – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Monday mornings and the children should come to school in their PE kit. Please remove earrings on PE days.
- **Class Novel** – We will be reading a selection of folktales and biographies this half-term. Every day, the children will have the next part of the text read to them and discuss interesting vocabulary from the chapter. Please encourage your child to tell you what happened in the story that day. It will be a great way to recall what has been read to them.
- **Coats** – Please send your children to school with a coat and school jumper. We try to give them outside playtimes in a range of weathers but, as the year goes on, the temperature (and overall weather) will be more variable.
- **Healthy Snacks** – Please remember that any snacks sent into school for the morning breaktime must be healthy snacks (not crisps / chocolate / sweets). Children may have fruit, cereal bars or something similar- thank you.

## Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. Please use the Reading Records for you to jot down what your child has read at home and any comments you would like to pass on. Your child will be heard by a member of staff in Year 3 at least twice a week. Please bring your reading records into school each day.



## Homework

A homework menu will be sent home every half term with instructions for the tasks and how to hand homework in. All logins for any applications needed are stuck into the children's reading records.

Spellings will be on *Spelling Frame* and Miss Clayton will show the Year 3 children how to use *Spelling Frame* throughout the week. Spelling tests will be on a Friday and the first spelling test will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.