



Rothersthorpe Church of England Primary School

Class 3 Newsletter Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to class 3

I hope you all had a good summer and are looking forward to what promises to be a busy and exciting year. Here's an outline of the first term.

English: Literacy lessons will be linked to our topic of Ancient Egypt. We will be reading adventure and mystery stories, recounts and instructions then using what we have learnt about these different types of writing to produce stories, instructions, diaries and newspaper reports ourselves. We will be ensuring we are using basic punctuation (full stops, capital letters, commas for lists, exclamation and question marks) correctly and beginning work on punctuating speech. Spelling will be a focus for one English lesson a week with follow up practice during our carousel sessions and as homework.



Mathematics: Mathematics lessons will build on the children's knowledge and understanding of place value and number before applying this to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be learning written methods for calculating as well as working on speeding up our mental maths. We will have lots opportunities to play games and have problem solving challenges in order to develop our mathematical thinking.



Science: At the start of the term our theme is: *Moving and Growing* and we will be learning about human and animal skeletons and our muscles. Towards the end of term we will be learning about *Light*.



Topic: Our topic is *Ancient Egypt* and all our history, geography, art and music lessons will be based around this. If your child finds any information out at home or has any artefacts they can bring in, that would be brilliant.



Computing: We will be developing our ability to communicate using the computer by manipulating text and images and learning to be programmers.



RE: This half-term, we will be considering what the concept of what *Peace* means for religious and non-religious people and for ourselves. Next half-term we will be looking at festivals of light in some major religions.



PSHE: We will be learning about United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and will use these rights as a basis for our own class charter. We will also be learning how to be healthy.



PE: This term we will be focussing on gymnastics, dance and games skills and we are fortunate to have two outside agency coaches to help with some of this.



Homework: The children will get spelling and number fact homework on Fridays to be completed by the following Friday.

Guided Reading home work will be set once a week and detailed in the reading record. New to class 3 is a piece of homework relating to our topic or science work. This will also be set on Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

Reminders

- ✓ P.E. kit - in school every day
- ✓ Homework - in on time
- ✓ Uniform - named please

I hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you have any questions or issues, please come and see me. I am available at 8.45am or 3.40pm everyday for a quick chat or we can make an appointment for something that requires more than a few minutes.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Walker