



# Primary 3 Newsletter



October-December 2023

Welcome back! The children have all come back ready to learn and we are excited for all the things to come. Here is an overview of learning in Term 2, and we hope to see you in school so you can ask for more information. Parents Evening is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## **Numeracy & Maths**

In Numeracy, we will be further developing children's knowledge of place value, learning about tens, hundreds and thousands. We will look at formal written strategies as well as different mental maths strategies. For maths, we will be looking at symmetry, as part of our *Shapes and Patterns* focus. We will look at real life examples to better understand the world around us and we will be describing all the properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects and using the correct vocabulary to describe them such as sides, corners, surfaces, vertices and edges. We will also be looking at tessellations towards Christmas time.

## **Interdisciplinary Learning**

Our topic this term is going to be about eco living. In particular we will be looking at how we individually and collectively can reduce, reuse and recycle different items around us and explain why this is important. We will also be looking at different sources of energy to decide if they benefit or harm the environment. We will have lots of opportunities to create and build products.

## **Literacy & English**

In Literacy, this term we will focus on the following: narrative, free writing and poetry. We will also be looking at speech marks, similes, metaphors, alliteration and onomatopoeia. We will plan our writing in one lesson and then we will create a piece of written text in another lesson.

## **Reading**

Reading has changed this term. We will continue to send home reading books twice a week. We will also be reading a separate text in class with the different reading groups. Please continue to ask children about their books at home to help them, encouraging them to give explanations for their answers and expanding their vocabulary.

We will be consolidating our previous reading skills which looked at adjectives, verbs and nouns. We will also be working on our comprehension in Term 2 which will include inference, skimming and scanning and making predictions.

Opportunities for reading will be carried out throughout a variety of different tasks in Primary 3.

## **Health & Wellbeing**

We will have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children should come to school wearing PE kit on Monday and Tuesday. This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours) and suitable shoes. Monday's PE learning will be in the hall. Tuesday's will be outdoors in our MUGA pitch. A spare pair of socks kept inside your child's bag would be helpful for wet weather. We would encourage children to bring a water bottle to school every day. No juice is allowed in the classrooms, but can be had as part of their lunch in the dinner hall. All belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

## **Additional Information**

Old t-shirts/ shirts for painting- We are looking for donations for adult sized shirts/ t-shirt or jumpers so the children can use these as overalls for painting. Please ask friends and neighbours! No phones, computers or any other ICT equipment should be brought to school in Primary 3, even for Reward Time on Friday.

Indoor shoes- Black indoor shoes are NOT required in Primary 3. However, if it is wet weather (especially wearing wellies) feel free to bring plimsolls in or an extra pair of shoes for wearing inside. We can keep these in school if you wish.

SeeSaw/ Home Learning- New home learning will be issued on a Thursday and given a fortnight to complete. Return on Wednesday. This will be issued on SeeSaw. Your original sign in details should remain the same as in Term 1.

Please try to follow class posts so you can see and comment on all the wonderful achievements the children make!

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to speak to us directly at the end of a day, or contact us by phone or e-mail through our school office, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
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