

Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Year 3



The Year 3 team would like to give a very warm welcome to you all after a fabulous, fun summer break. We are very excited about creating a stimulating and friendly learning environment for our Year 3 children, beginning with our first topic: **Road Trip USA!**

Creative Curriculum Topic

Our Road Trip USA topic is based under the Geography Curriculum in which children will learn about Our World, including:

- Locating countries and continents.
- Understanding time zones.
- The 50 states of America.
- Researching closely specific American states and creating a presentation filled with lots of fun facts!



English

Our writing will include: diary entries, instructional writing on how to go on a road trip, postcards from our road trip destination and creating a fact file of information about our favourite American state.

Maths

We will be focusing mostly on number, including times tables, place value and written calculations involving the four operations. Times tables are a continuous importance in Maths and therefore we ask that children are practising their times tables on a regular basis. There are several free apps available to help with times tables, as well as educational websites. The children particularly enjoy "Beatbox tables" and "Hit the button".

Science:

Light is our Science topic this half term. Year 3 will be learning about, and investigating, the difference between light and dark, sun safety, reflective materials and shadows.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 13th September - Roald Dahl Day. Children can dress up as their favourite character from his books.

Monday 24th September – Whole school photographs.

Wednesday 3rd October - Harvest Festival assemblies. KS2 11am main school hall, parents welcome.

Monday 8th, 9th and 11th October - Parents' evening appointments.

Friday 26th October – Halloween disco and break up for half term.

Reminders

Expectations

- Children are expected to read at home at least four times each week. Please take a few moments to sign your child's planner to inform their teacher that they have read. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones!
- Weekly Maths and English homework will be issued on a Thursday and will be due in the following Tuesday.
- Each half term your child will receive homework linked to their curriculum topic. Please check the homework grids in their purple books for details and due dates.
- PE kits should remain in school all week. Any items from the following list are permitted: a blue t shirt or polo; blue or black shorts; sports shoes; dark jogging bottoms; a plain hoody.
- For health and safety reasons while inside the school site, can children please push scooters and bikes.

Packed Lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of sweet and savoury. Packets of sweets and fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.