

NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2020



Welcome

It's been a long time coming, but we are finally back to school! Our Autumn newsletter provides details of this term's curriculum activities. This term there will be lots of interesting and imaginative learning opportunities during our new topic work on Extreme Survival and Riotous Royalty.



Sports

P.E will take place on Thursday and Friday, with both sessions involving outdoor sports wherever possible.

On P.E. days, children will come into school wearing their kit (including trainers); they do not need to bring a change of clothes or school uniform on these days. It is recommended they wear clothes for cold and wet weather, as we will have to be outside as much as possible for these lessons.

Year 3 will be having a Welly Wednesday lesson every two weeks, with the first day on Wednesday 9th September. Again, on these days children will come into school wearing their Welly Wednesday clothes. They should also wear trainers and bring their wellies in a separate plastic bag, which they will change into for their session.

Homework Information

Monday:	Maths homework books due in
Wednesday:	Spelling test
Thursday:	Maths homework books sent home Weekly spellings set
Friday:	Times tables test Mathletics/Times Table Rock Stars homework set

Homework reminders will be posted to Google Classroom, as well as the weekly spelling lists (which will also be available via the school website). The children will be taught how to log into Google Classroom, but there is also a parental guidance sheet on the school website.

Throughout the year, additional homework (including projects) will be set. Any information about these will be posted on Google Classroom as and when they are set.

In Year 3, children are expected to take responsibility for their own homework. If they do require help, please make a note on their homework so additional support can be given in class.

Topics

This term our two topics will be Extreme Survival and Riotous Royalty.

ENGLISH: We will be using a range of texts and visual stimuli to focus on key writing skills, such as spelling & punctuation, developing vocabulary and learning to write new types of sentences.

HISTORY: We will be studying five monarchs in British history, and how their reign impacted the powers of the British monarchy.

GEOGRAPHY: We will be learning about different types of extreme weather and the areas of the world which they affect.

SCIENCE: We are studying light and shadow, as well as plants and their habitats.

MATHEMATICS: We will be focusing on place value of numbers, addition and subtraction and developing times tables.

Children will also be learning how to use their knowledge to reason about their maths, as well as solving problems.

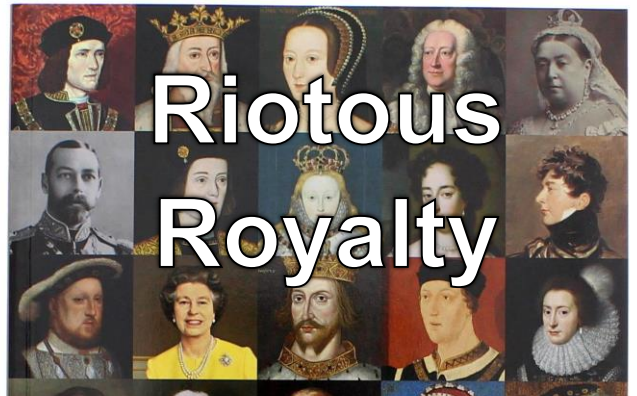
ART/DT: Our art and design work will be linked to our topics. Some of our work will include creating model volcanoes and copying royal portraits.

ICT: We will develop key skills in a range of subjects.

RE: We will be following the new Warwickshire RE Syllabus. The first topics will include how people think about God, the importance of the Bible to Christians, as well as work on Advent and Christmas towards the end of the term.

PE: Children will be receiving lessons in hockey and improving fitness this term.

PSHE: Rules, personal targets, friendships and other relationships, health and happiness, rights and responsibilities.



Additional information

Request - If you have any 500ml drinks bottles at home, could you please send one in with your child next week? We will be using them for model making in Week 4, and the bottles would need to be quarantined for several days before they can be used.

Diary dates - any important dates for this term will be emailed separately.

I am looking forward to a great year with this new Year 3 class. Although it will be very different to previous years, it will still be a year where children will learn a huge range of new skills, discover much more about the world around them and will learn how to become effective, independent learners.

If you ever have any questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to come and ask me.

Mr. Tim Swards