

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to Autumn term 2, we hope you all had a lovely break. It was great to get to speak to so many of you during the parents' evening appointments. Miss Clark, Mrs Fielding and Mr Gabbitas.

Maths

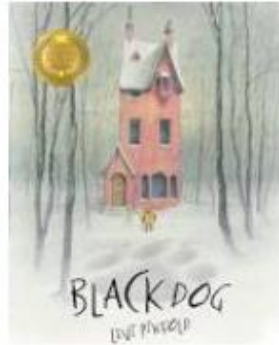
This term in **Maths** we will continue our work on the formal column method of addition and subtraction before moving on to exploring multiplication and division. During this time, the children will learn how to successfully complete grid method multiplications and bus stop division. We will also continue to learn and embed the Times Tables.

English

In **English**, our focus text will be the 'Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. This story will be a vehicle for us to produce various pieces of non-fiction writing such as; instructional writing and eye witness reports. We will also re-visit character descriptions and build on the skills from last term to embed and stretch our skills.

Art/DT

In keeping with the changing season, our **Art** project this term will centre around winter scenery. The children will collect inspiration from the world around them and build up their skills with different media in their sketch books, before creating a final piece.



Science

In **Science**, our topic is Plants. We will investigate the different parts of a plant, as well as learning the scientific names for them. We will be exploring what a plant requires in order to survive, before moving on to learning about the life cycle of a flowering plant.

History/Geography

This half term, we will be continuing with our learning about natural disasters. We will be learning about the causes of volcanoes and the impact eruptions can have on the physical and human geography of an affected area.

RE/PSHE

RE - We will be thinking about 'What is Spirituality and how do people experience this?'
PSHE - This half term our topic is Mental Health and Wellbeing. We will learn how to better understand our emotions and the emotions of those around us.

PE

In **PE**, we will be focusing on social skills. Whilst learning jumping and landing skills, we will be focussing on; cooperation and helpful feedback, organising and guiding others through tasks, good listening skill and patience and finally offering praise and encouragement to others.

Our Place in 'Our' World.

Our Geography topic will give children an opportunity to understand and explore Earth's natural disasters. The children will understand why these natural phenomena occur and the ways they affect people and the environment.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Children will be encouraged to face challenges with 'growth mindset' in order to become reflective learners. Children will be given opportunities to reflect on and improve their own work.

Healthy and Happy Living

Children will be discussing how mental health is as important as physical health as well as continuing with our daily "restorative circle", where children can discuss their thoughts and feelings.

Inquisitive Investigators

As **Inquisitive Investigators**, we will be investigating different parts that make up a plant and what conditions are required in order for plants to thrive.

Important information:

- For this half term, 3HCs PE lessons will continue to take place every **Wednesday** afternoon. **Mrs Fielding's** class will switch to PE lessons on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school on Wednesdays already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day. **3JG** will start their lessons with a sports coach on a **Tuesday**. Therefore, **3JG** will need to come dressed in their PE kit on **Tuesdays**, which they will wear for the full day. All PE lessons will take place outdoors, please ensure your child brings something warm to wear.
- Your child will read with an adult in school on a 1:1 basis. Please continue to read with your child regularly at home, we would appreciate it if you could leave a comment on their Go Read account to indicate that your child has read with you at home. Please let us know if you have any difficulties logging on
- Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school **every day**, even if their reading book isn't finished.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. This will be stored in the classroom.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another busy, fun-filled term! ☺