



## Guide to the Curriculum in Class 3

Autumn - 2018

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Teaching Assistant:** The Teaching Assistant in Class 3 is Mrs Harvey.

**Reading and Spellings** Please encourage your child to read regularly and discuss their books with them at home. Please update their planner each time you do this. Children should read at least four times each week and books can only be changed in school if you have signed to say your child has finished their book. Please also support your child with practising their weekly spelling list.

**Planners** need to be in school daily.

**Times Tables** These are essential to promote the children's maths learning and will be a key focus this year. By the end of year 4 all children need to know all of their times tables, up to and including x12. Children will need to spend time practising them at home as the aim is to recall them accurately and at speed. There will be a times tables test each week.

**PE** Please make sure children always have their PE kit in school. PE will take place outside whenever possible so please provide plain navy or black joggers, a sweatshirt and trainers as well as the usual shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls. PE will take place on Friday this term.

**Belongings** Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labeled, including ties. We would appreciate if your child could take in an old adult shirt for use in art lessons.

**Homework** In addition to the weekly homework set, the children will have a piece of extended homework on our topic.

Welcome back to Class 3! We hope you have had a fun filled summer and are ready for an exciting term ahead. This year, Miss Rainford will teach on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Whitaker will teach on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We know that this year will be a great one filled with a wide variety of learning experiences for your child. We are delighted to share the exciting and challenging curriculum we have planned for this term.

Our **History/Geography** topic this term focuses on two ancient civilisations: the Maya and Aztecs. We will explore their social structures, religions, writing and number systems, temples (including Chichen Itza) and food and diet. In particular we will investigate the role of these civilisations in the history of chocolate. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October we are planning a chocolate making workshop led by Chappel Chocolate House. The children will learn about chocolate, where it comes from and how it is made. They will make and design chocolates to take home. Detail will be provided in a further letter.

In **Design Technology**, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own chocolate boxes. We will also be learning about the cocoa bean, where it comes from and how it is used in chocolate making. In **Art** the children will be finding out about the work of Frederick Catherwood and will be making their own colorful Mayan masks

In **Literacy**, our class text is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. A variety of writing genres will be covered including character sketches; persuasive advertisements; discussion texts; poetry and explanation texts. Where possible the writing will be inspired by and linked to our topic. Children will also be involved in weekly reading and comprehension, spelling and handwriting sessions. Your support with practising spellings and reading is invaluable.

In **Mathematics**, we will be working on a variety of topics including: number and place value; addition and subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions and decimals. We will also be focusing on telling the time and measurement. A key target for Class 3 children is to learn their times tables fluently.

In **Science**, we will be studying the topics of "".

Mrs James will teach **Computing**, where the children will be learning how to stay safe on the Internet (E-Safety) and will study the following units 'We are programmers' and 'We are bug fixers.'

In **Physical Education**, we shall be practising our tennis and netball skills. The focus is on improving children's agility, balance and coordination individually and with others. Please ensure that your child has the correct, labelled PE kit.

Our topic in **French** is "First Meetings" and **Music** lessons will be taught by Mr Burdge.

Finally, in **Religious Education**, Mrs Thomas will be exploring places of worship in different religions and in **PSHE** healthy lifestyles, growing and changing and keeping safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us or book an appointment after school. With best wishes, Miss Rainford and Mrs Whitaker.