

8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays, especially the odd sunny day we had through the six weeks. I am very much looking forward to teaching in Class 3 and getting to know the pupils really well in our first few weeks back. I am sure that we will have lots of fun in our first exciting term together.

In **Literacy** this term we are going to be looking at 'My Secret War Diary' by Marcia Williams. This book is a diary written in the perspective of a nine-year-old girl living throughout the Second World War. In this book, pupils will be learning about the differences of writing informally and formally and the best situation for each to be used. Pupils will also be recapping fronted adverbials and parenthesis of which they will use to add extra details to their writing. Pupils will also learn about how to best to include and emphasise the different emotions they could be feeling in their writing without explicitly writing so. By the end of our topic pupils will be writing their own series of diary extracts written in their own chosen historical period.

In **Maths** we will start off recapping some place value work and making sure the children understand the value of each digit in a number up to a million and beyond. We'll be helping the children read and write these numbers, learn how to round, add powers of 10 and compare numbers. After the place value topic, we'll be moving on to adding, subtracting, multiplication and division skills, both mentally and written and introducing words such as multiples, square numbers and factors. We will finish off the term revising their knowledge of fractions and cementing their understanding so they can compare them, convert them and perform calculations with them. Throughout the term we will have a focus on our times tables to really embed them in the pupil's knowledge, this will be done throughout lessons but also through the use of Timetables Rockstars, and our weekly math challenges.

Our **Science** topic this term is going to last the whole term, this term's topic is **Animals including humans**. We will be focusing on growth and the changes that happen over time as we grow up from being babies to old age. We will also be focusing on the circulatory system and how diet and exercise impacts our bodies and our circulatory system. This topic will cover how to create different graphs and which ones are best for different data. Throughout this topic we are going to link our learning to the scientific enquiry types and skills which we will develop throughout.

In **Geography** this term we are going to be focusing on **Trade** between the United Kingdom and other countries throughout the world. This topic is going to allow us to develop our understanding of fair trade throughout the world and how fair trade is helping different societies throughout the world.

In **Music** this term we are going to be following the Churanga scheme of learning, focusing on Bon Jovi's '**Livin on a Prayer**'. Throughout the six weeks, pupils will be developing ideas around music by playing a range of musical games, singing, playing instruments and discussing pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamic and opinions of the song. By the end of the Six weeks pupils will know this song inside out. For the other half of this term our music lessons will be focusing on our Christmas performance.

In **Art** this term we are going to be focusing on the work of **Alberto Giacometti**, who created sculptures of humans out of wire. This topic will allow the children to focus on manipulating wire into different structures but also allow the children to focus on how we can represent movement in different medias such as pencil, wire and clay.

In **History**, we are focusing on the **Second World War**. This topic is focussing on different aspects of the war at home and abroad. We will be looking at the domestic impact of war such as rationing, evacuees as well as looking at the impact of war abroad such as major battles and the Holocaust. Throughout the topic we will be identifying how primary and secondary sources will help us gain a broader understanding of the worldwide impact of the war.

In **DT** the pupils will create automated animal toys. The toys themselves will be created by using cams which will determine how the animal moves when made. The children will spend their lessons identifying how cams work and whether they have got or had any toys which uses cams, as well as using research to inform their creations. As always, once the items have been created pupils will evaluate and critique their designs to the design criteria they have created themselves.

In **French** our topic is '**all about ourselves**' where pupils are going to be learning about how to describe one another in French. Pupils will be learning the correct terminology to describe different features of the body such as eyes and hair. They are also going to be learning how to express feelings and emotions in French. Whilst they are learning the terminology they are going to be able to use this in both written and spoken form.

In **Computing** the pupils are going to focusing on '**search engines**'. This topic will be used to enhance pupil's knowledge of how to search effectively and safely online. Not only this we are going to cover how not everything online is truthful, such as AI, photoshopped photos etc. Although, most children understand how to search for things online this topic is going to allow us to ensure all pupils can do this safely.

In **PSHE**, pupils will learn about '**families and relationships**'. This topic will cover many aspects such as friendship, how friends behave and friendships form, what marriage is and how it is a choice people make. We will also be looking at how we all have a range of attributes that make us who we are and the how all families are different.

In **RE**, pupils are going to be learning and developing their understanding of Christianity. This includes discussions about how Christians see certain views and how their beliefs influence their actions.

PE will continue to be taught by Mrs Wilson, four days a week, so please continue to make sure all children have their trainers in school. Wednesday will continue to be 'Workout Wednesday' so please can children wear their PE kit in on that day. Pupils will still carry on with **Forest School** as well, though will now do it in their year groups on a Tuesday afternoon. Up until half term Year 6's will be in Forest School and after that between half term and Christmas Year 5's will be in Forest school.

If you have any questions about the upcoming term please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

Mr L Stevens