

# Class 3 Newsletter

Scrumdiddlyumptious!

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## **Curriculum Overview:**

This newsletter gives you an outline of what your child is doing at school throughout the second half of the Autumn Term and how you can help them.

Our topic for this term is called Scrumdiddlyumptious!

This topic is based around food. It provides lots of exciting opportunities for the children to explore food including where it comes from and how it travels to our shops. The children will have the chance to find out about James Lind who discovered that sailors needed vitamin C to combat the effects of scurvy. There will be the chance for the children to design and make smoothies, and to do some cooking. There will also be the opportunity for the children to make fruit themed sculptures.

## **English:**

This half term the children's learning in English will be through three key genres: story settings, adventure stories and poetry. The children will continue to develop their understanding of spelling and how the meaning of words can be changed through the use of pre-fixes and suffixes. In writing we will continue to develop accurate grammar and spelling. We will continue to encourage the children to present their work to a high standard across the curriculum.

## **Maths:**

This half term the children will continue their work on addition and subtraction. We will continue to practise basic addition and subtraction regularly so as to improve speed, accuracy and fluency of key facts. This will help the children as they continue to develop their understanding of formal methods of addition and subtraction.

The children will be asked to explain their ideas to their learning partners and to the class. We will continue to draw out number patterns and links between different calculations including how addition can be used to check answers to subtraction.

## **Homework:**

The children will receive a topic homework sheet. There will be a selection of projects which the children have planned to choose from.

The children should choose one idea to try out. The homework can be brought in at any time before half term and will be displayed in school.

Maths and English homework will be sent home on alternate weeks. Usually this will link to the curriculum domain or to prior learning.

## **Reading:**

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. The children in Year 3 are allowed to change their own home reading books as often as they need to. The children will be encouraged to change their books by themselves. All children are expected to have book bags, green reading diaries and reading books with them at school every day.

## **Times tables:**

Over the course of the year the children will be learning times tables. All children in Year 3 will be expected to know the majority of these by the end of the school year. There will be a weekly times table test each Thursday. Children will need to score 12/12 twice in consecutive tests before moving on to the next one.

## **Snacks:**

Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat at playtime.

## **Days to remember:**

PE will take place on **Thursday** afternoon and on **Friday** afternoon with a specialist coach.

The children will need to have their PE kit in school on those days so that they can take part in PE. All kit should be named clearly. Please also ensure that the children have appropriate PE kit, including footwear, for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to come in to see us at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any questions or queries we are always here to help!

Year 3 team