

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Maney Hill Primary! 😊

The children have settled in really well into year 3 and they have shown enthusiasm and maturity towards their learning and are already rising to the new challenges of Key Stage Two! Here is a brief outline of the units we have planned for this term:

Subject	Focus
English	We will begin this year in English studying Roald Dahl. The children will use some of Dahl's stories and rhymes, including <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> , <i>George's Marvellous Medicine</i> , <i>The Twits</i> , <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> and <i>Revolting Rhymes</i> . We will research and present information about Roald Dahl using non-fiction texts and also focus on creative writing and expressive speech this term. There will also be opportunities to discuss Dahl's rich characters and plots, and also chances for children to present their own variations of the stories.
Maths	The children will begin this term looking at place value, ordering numbers and estimating. They will develop their addition and subtraction technique as well as multiplication and division, with opportunities to develop mastery of these skills in problem solving activities. Other areas covered this term include geometry, measurement, statistics, money and time. These areas will be revisited throughout the year to ensure children leave year 3 with a depth to their subject knowledge across all areas of the Maths curriculum.
Science	In Science we will begin with the topic 'Food and our bodies' where we will be learning about the different food groups, describing and comparing the different parts of a skeleton and investigating how muscles help us to move and the role of joints in our bodies. We will also be learning about rocks where the children will investigate the permeability, hardness and floatability of a range of rocks as well as differentiating between sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock. They will explore the variety of minerals that we consume in food, investigate similarities and differences in soils and create their own fossils!
Topic	'Ancient Egypt' will be our topic for the Autumn Term. The children will build their geographical knowledge and skills by researching different continents of the world, including differences in climates, before comparing Egypt with the UK. They will also investigate the Egyptian period using a timeline, research Egyptian Gods and Goddesses and write using hieroglyphics. Additionally, children will design, create, decorate and evaluate their own Egyptian burial mask.
P.E.	In P.E. this term the children will develop their skills in basketball and multi-skills as well as improving proficiency and confidence in dance and gymnastics. Class 3B and 3J will both have PE on Tuesday and Thursday.

Children will also have regular R.E, Music and French lessons.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

- One piece of homework will be handed out each Friday, to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Homework will alternate between English and Maths although a piece of Science or Topic may occasionally be sent out instead. In Key Stage Two, the homework needs to be handed in on Wednesday and if it's not handed in then five minutes of Golden Time will be lost for each day it is late.
- The children will also get spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Spellings will be handed out on Friday, in spelling books, to be learnt at home for a test the following Friday. As a way of learning spellings, I would recommend getting your child to use them within written sentences which can be written in Homework books. Not only does this help with spelling the words, but also puts the words into context, builds your child's vocabulary and develops their sentence structure.
- Each child should be reading frequently at home and will have the opportunity to change their reading book up to twice, this will enable them to establish a deep understanding of the text. However, we do encourage children to read for pleasure and are welcome to bring in another book from home or read one of the books from our free bookshelf in school time.

Diary Dates

- **Parents' Welcome Meeting – Tuesday 18th September, 15:45**
- **Parents' Inspire Workshop: 3B 13th November / 3J 20th November**
- **Parents' Evening – 10th & 11th October**

Thank you for all of your support at the start of the term. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards, Mr Jackson and Miss Brown