YEAR 3 AUTUMN 1 **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are as excited to get back into the school routine as we all are. Year 3 seem to have had an actionpacked summer and are ready to get stuck into life again. We have really enjoyed getting to know the children over the last week and I am finding lots of things out which will help us learn together. This school year is a very exciting one for the children as they are beginning their Key Stage 2 journey.

Year 3 will be supported in their learning this year by Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Wood.

In English this half term, we will be studying Chris Riddell, the author of the Ottoline series of books (which so many of the Year 3 children last year adored!) We will find out about Chris Riddell's life and achievements and use this information to create a biography as well as reading some of his most famous books. Following this, we have a Stone Age themed picture book to study, which will support us in our history learning for the half term and will inspire several pieces of writing such as a diary entry and narrative. We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we will look at recapping previous learning and consolidating this within writing. We will also continue to practise the Year 2/3 spelling words and homophones.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at place value, number operations and fractions. In place value, we will be developing our conceptual understanding through comparing and ordering and numbers and using this knowledge to reason. There will be a problem solving and reasoning focus once a week, applying what we have learnt. We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please see our knowledge organisers. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks, Miss Wood





Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed

Wednesday

PE lessons (come in PE kit)

Friday:

Spelling Test

Important Dates

17/9/21 - Non-uniform for Good **Shepherd Appeal**

17/9/21 - Bun Sale for Good **Shepherd Appeal**

23/9/21 - individual school photos

23/9/21 - Scooter Day KS2

24/9/21 - Y3 & Y6 class mass @ 11am

24/9/21 - Macmillan coffee afternoon @ 2:15pm

26/9/21 - Family Mass @ 11am

27/9/21 - Y3 & Y4 English parent meeting @ 3:30pm

> 30/9/21 - School birthday celebration

WB 4/10/21 - Black History week

WB 4/10/21 - Mini Vinnie Harvest tin appeal for SVP

6/10/21 - Y3 attend church

7/10/21 - Rosary Day

8/10/21 - Bring items for SVP food bank.

8/10/21 - Harvest Festival @ 2:30pm

14/10/21 - Water Safety for KS1 & KS2

18/10/21 - Parents evening 4pm -6:30pm

20/10/21 - Planetarium in school

20/10/21 - Parents evening 4pm -6:30pm

22/10/21 - Training day

22/10/21 - Half term