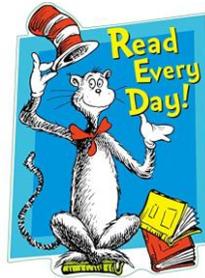




Year 3 Newsletter – Summer Term 2



June 2020

Dear Year 3 and Parents & Carers,

It has been a long time now since we were all in the classroom learning together and greeting each other at the school gates each morning and afternoon. We trust that you are all coping well in this unprecedented period of home learning and trying your hardest to stay safe, happy and motivated! We would like to thank all of you for your best efforts in accessing your learning from home and sharing your work with us wherever possible. We appreciate the effort parents and older siblings are putting in to supporting learning and the tremendous work Year 3 are doing to continue their education every single day!

Our **big question** this term is: What qualities do you need to make a difference? This is very topical given recent events we have seen in the news and the protests that have followed. We encourage you to use the weekly PSHE lessons to get talking about this as a family.

English: In this final half-term, we will focus on specific grammar, punctuation and sentence-level skills in order to consolidate learning before the end of the school year. While children are learning from home, we will be using comprehension texts from Twinkl, readon.myon.co.uk and getepic.com. Pupils will now be familiar with these websites, which are a wonderful resource as children are able to access a wide range of text genres. Please also encourage your child to read any books you may have at home for at least 20 minutes each day. There are many live story sessions online hosted by well-known authors such as David Walliams on the BBC website... and even special weekly reading sessions with Michelle Obama!



In **Maths** we will be looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, identifying acute, obtuse and right angles as well as recognising parallel, perpendicular, horizontal and vertical lines. Afterwards we will look at measurements with length, mass and capacity. At the same time, we will focus on core skills of comparing, adding and subtracting with measures and we would encourage you to continue giving time for your child to revise their times tables and known number facts daily in preparation for next year. www.topmarks.co.uk has lots of times tables and other interactive games, including much needed revision for learning time!

An overview of our wider curriculum learning includes:

Geography: Children will be identifying the countries that make up Europe and their capital cities, languages, flags and currencies. They will compare London and Paris and finally research a city of their choice.

Religious Education: Children will build on their prior knowledge of Christianity, finding out about the foundation of the religion as well as main beliefs, the holy book, special places, festivals and symbols.

In our **Science** topic about Super Scientists and Inventors, we will be learning about influential scientists who have made valuable contributions to the field.

Computing: Children will be given tasks mostly based on Purple Mash so that they are able to easily access activities from home.

Physical Education: We would urge every child in Year 3 to be getting out of the house every single day to exercise and get moving, or if you are isolating at home, then there are many home workouts available online, including morning sessions with Joe Wicks live on YouTube. Physical activity is incredibly important for living a healthy life and keeping positive and motivated each day.

We send our best wishes to you all and to your families,

Miss Bingham, Mr Cavendish, Laura, Alasma, Tammy, Rita and Sarah.

