



## Year 3 Spring Term 2016 Newsletter

Happy New Year from everyone in Year 3!

This letter explains what your child will be learning during this term and how you may be able to help at home. Topics taught in year 3 are planned to meet the subject guidance of the new National Curriculum.

### Our topics:

\* Geography/History: We will be learning about the country of China. The children will be using different sources of research e.g. books, pictures, artefacts, internet to find out about China. They will try to describe and understand the similarities and differences between China and the UK. We will also be using appropriate historical terms such as dates, time period, era, change, chronology etc.

\* Science: In our forces topic, we will be comparing how things move on different surfaces and finding out why some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.

\* RE: We will be studying Christianity and learning to retell Bible stories when miracles have happened. We will also be learning to recall key events in the Easter story and understand why Jesus' crucifixion symbolises hope for Christians.

\* ICT: The children will continue to use new technology throughout the term although the focus will be on digital research. We will be using safe search engines to research our topics and produce information fact files.

### How you can help!

Please hear your child read their reading book at least once a week and sign their reading record. That would be great! Make sure your child completes their homework and returns it on time. Homework is given out on a Thursday and needs to be returned on the following Monday.

Ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school at all times.

If you have any concerns your queries, please do not hesitate to contact us in Year 3.

Mrs Meredith and Mr Beasley

