



# Year 3 Autumn Term 2015 Newsletter

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

## Our topics:

- \* History: Meet the Flintstones! The children will be using different sources of research e.g. books, pictures, artefacts, internet, to find out about life during The Stone Age. We will also be using appropriate historical terms such as dates, time period, era, change, chronology etc. If you have anything that could possibly help us with this topic then please let us know.
- \* Geography: Extreme Survival! We will be learning how to use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate areas of extreme heat and cold. We shall be explaining why some areas are very cold and some very hot and describing what life is like in those places for people, animals and vegetation. The main focus will be considering how people and animals adapt to their environment to survive with the importance of shelter, food and clean water as the basis of survival.
- \* Science: Rock Detectives! We will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. We shall look at how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.
- \* RE/SMSC: We will be focusing on the subject of belonging. In particular, we will be learning about what happens during the festival of Divali and whether the celebrations bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.
- \* ICT: The children will continue to use new technology throughout the term using safe search engines to research our topics and produce information fact files. Our focus will be based around digital animation linked with our history and art lessons.

## How you can help!

Please hear your child read their reading book at least once a week and sign their reading record. 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. Any problems then please ask on a Friday.

Spelling Tests and Times Tables tests will be every Monday so please ensure your child practises these at home. Ensure your child has their full PE kit in school every day. This includes green shorts, a white top and black pumps or trainers.

## Important Dates

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Homework begins.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Magical Book Day! (more details to follow)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evenings.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Break.

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

Mrs Meredith and Mr Beasley

