



## Summer Term Newsletter 2023

### Jade and Emerald Classes

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Welcome back and we hope that you all had a lovely relaxing Easter!** We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with lots of interesting and challenging learning opportunities. As always, please inform us if there is anything you would like to know or are unsure about and thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you, *Year 3 Team*

### Curriculum

#### Maths

This term, we will continue to explore Fractions: making a whole, counting in tenths, fractions of a set of objects and fractions of numbers, equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. We will then move on to looking at Time – telling the time in o'clock, half past, quarter to and past, months and years, hours in a day, telling the time to 5-minute, telling the time to 1-minute, using a.m. and p.m. and finally telling the time using the 24-hour clock. After half term, we will explore Properties of Shape – turns, angles, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular lines, 2D and 3D shapes. We will then look at Measurement and will explore and measure Mass, Volume, Capacity and Temperature.

#### English

In English this term, our Talk for Writing focus will be on exploring and, Adventure stories, Traditional Tales and Poetry. Children will continue to develop their joined-up handwriting and presentation skills, understanding of spelling patterns as well as grammar and sentence structures to enhance their writing. Children will be expected to edit and improve their own writing by adding adventurous vocabulary and correct punctuation. In Destination Reader, we will focus on inference skills as well as summarising and evaluating texts.

#### Science

This term, we will be investigating Forces and Magnets and how they make objects move and what are the uses of magnets in our world. We will be discovering how to make a magnet and even how to make our own compass! Our exciting experiments will explore contact forces and how the amount of friction is changed by different surfaces.

#### History

This term, we will be continuing our learning about Ancient Civilisations, in particular, Persia and Ancient Greece. We will be learning about how the people lived and how their legacy influenced our world today. We will also be reading the fantastic Greek Myths and Legends by Homer.

#### Geography

In Geography, we will be finding out about Volcanoes, how they are formed and what happens when they erupt. We will also be investigating the Earth's different layers and what they are made from.

#### Religious Education

This term, we will be finding out about the Beatitudes and what they mean to Christians? We will also be learning about why Saints are important to Christians, and who are the Saints of our school?

#### RSHE

This term, we will be focusing on relationship building. This includes friendships, respect, including and being a good global citizen. How we change and grow – this includes how babies grow and change, how our bodies change inside and outside.

### Enrichment (French, Art, Music & PE)

In French, the children will be discovering the names of clothing and how to describe them using colours, paying attention to noun gender. They will also learn fruit vocabulary and how to express likes and dislikes. They will also be participating in the French Cafe at Rectory Gardens!

In art, we will be continue exploring the formal elements of art (shape and tone). Drawing from observations, learning the difference between tint and a shade, and creating a version of a cartoon drawn by a famous illustrator. We will also be incorporating cross-curriculum art.

In music, the children will be learning how to recognise a variety of different musical elements such as action, beat, rhythm and tempo.

PE this term, we will be starting with Basketball as children develop control of the ball and the ability to pass, dribble and shoot. Moving onto Cricket the focus will be the 3 main areas of fielding, batting and bowling. In summer 2, we will have three taster lessons where the children get to practice Rounders, Golf, Volleyball and Table tennis. The final three lessons of the year will be short Tennis with co-ordination and footwork being developed as we work towards sustained rallies.

### General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- The children will be doing **PE on Fridays**. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.
- Parents and children are encouraged to check book bags for letters each day.
- Your child will read with an adult **weekly** and we expect them to read at home with an adult every evening. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience, which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- Homework with spellings will be given out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Children will be tested on Friday mornings.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please bring in tissues for the class, as this is really helpful for the children.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

### Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Bank Holiday - school closed
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May: King's Coronation Tea Party
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May: King's Coronation - Bank Holiday - school closed
- 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May: Walk to School Week
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: half term – school closed
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: children return to school as usual

\*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please make an appointment via the school office.

Thank you for all your on-going support.

**Miss Fernandes and Mr Jenkins**  
Year 3 Team