

# Year 3 Class Newsletter.

WELCOME BACK FROM HALF-TERM, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT LAST TERM, FROM MRS HOGAN AND MRS ROBERTS.

We had a very productive first term, and we have an exciting term ahead, with our trip to Cadburys World being a main, yummy highlight! Your children have all settled really well into Year 3. Thank you for your support with homework and other school activities, and a special thanks for all the delightful Chocolate projects. Keep up the good work - it all contributes to your children's bright future!

Your assistance in hearing your child read frequently, at least 4 times per week, is appreciated, and asking questions about the text improves comprehension skills. It is very beneficial to show an interest in what your child has been studying at School, and to encourage them to do some extra work or research at home. Thank you for doing this!

*This term we will be learning about Chocolate. This topic will cover the origin and history of chocolate, and the current process of chocolate production.*



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Name:  
Reading:  
Writing:  
Maths:

HELLO FROM MRS HOGAN.

I am thoroughly enjoying my new role as Year 3 Class teacher at Whaplode Primary. I have got to know your lovely children and you have all made me feel very welcome. My first Parents Evening at Whaplode was a very positive and enjoyable experience. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure your children achieve their personal best in everything they do.

### THE CURRICULUM

In English this term, we will be focussing on instructional writing and narrative writing, which we will be linking with our topic work. In addition to this, the children have focussed spelling and grammar sessions. In Maths, we are working on Data and Statistics initially, before moving on to multiplication and division. We will also revisit addition and subtraction, including formal methods of calculation. Our topic in Science is Plants. This work will focus on the functions of different parts of plants, as well as their different requirements for life and growth. In Design and Technology, the children will analyse various chocolate packaging and then design their own chocolate wrapper. In RE, the children will continue to discuss and reflect on 'Big Questions' relating to religion and their own lives.

## Homework

**Maths and Literacy(or RE)** will be sent home on alternate weeks on Fridays and are due in the following Wednesday. Tasks will relate to learning the children have done in class. Please support them and make sure they return their homework books by Wednesday each week. New homework will not be issued without homework books!

**Spellings** will be given out on Mondays for testing the following Monday. Word lists will contain specific spelling patterns as well as words from the Year 3/4 list of exception words. **Reading** should be done at least 4 times a week, in order to make good progress, whatever your child's ability. It is important the children understand new vocabulary they come across and comprehend what the text is about. Don't forget to sign their homework diary too! The children need to learn their 3, 4 and 8 **multiplication tables** and revise their 2s, 5s and 10s. They can log into their Rockstar Times Tables account at home to practise.

Please assist with your child's written homework (but avoid doing it for them). Please also support them with spellings and tables – it is vital that they learn these on a weekly basis, otherwise they fall behind.

**EXTRA HELP TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S LEARNING.** Here is a link that can be accessed at any time, to improve your child's confidence in Maths and Literacy:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

## REMINDERS

### PE

Year Three will be doing outdoor PE (Hockey) on a Tuesday with Mrs Hogan and indoor PE on a Thursday with Miss Cox. Trainers will be needed as well as a t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a jumper. They need plimsolls for indoor PE. **It is very important that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. This was a major issue for some children last term. We need to get off to a positive start this term with all children fully kitted out, as PE is a very important, beneficial, and enjoyable, part of the school curriculum.**



### The Term Ahead

In this term, we will continue to help your children learn and develop in a supportive, happy environment. We also aim to develop independence and this should be encouraged at home too. For eg, your child should be able to tie their own laces, and should be encouraged to take care of, and put away, their own things neatly and responsibly. They should also be encouraged to take pride in things that they do, and should be encouraged to consider the feelings of others!

Important dates: Cadburys World on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.  
Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November.