

# WHAPLODE C OF E AUTUMN 2020

## Year 3 Class Newsletter.

WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR SUMMER BREAK FROM MRS HOGAN AND MRS GILL.

Welcome to the new school year. We are very pleased to have all the children back in school and we are thoroughly enjoying teaching this lovely year 3 class. They are a delightful group of children, and are extremely eager to learn. We see that some of you have already been busy, over the holidays, working with your children on our History topic for this term. What super projects! Keep up the good work, and thank you for your support. Ancient Greece is an exciting topic to start the year with!

### The Year Ahead:

In the coming year, we look forward to getting to know the children, and helping them learn and develop in a supportive, happy environment. We will continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines, to give everybody a safe environment to work in.

We are sure that together we can help them to reach their full potential, and we believe this is the most important, and most rewarding, aspect of teaching.

IT'S THUMBS UP FOR AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD FROM YEAR 3!



***Important days: Swimming on Tuesday and PE(outdoor) on Wednesday. Children should come to school in their full PE kit on Wednesday and bring their swimming kit in a labelled bag on Tuesday.***

***Weekly homework will be set on the Year 3 Class Page, on the school website, on Friday. New spellings will be displayed on Tuesday and tested the following Monday.***

***Children will bring reading books home on Monday and need to read to you at least 4 times per week, in order to improve fluency and understanding.***

***Any queries, please email or telephone the school office, and we will get back to you asap***

## THE CURRICULUM

*TOPIC: Our big question this year is, "Why do humans create art?" and this term's question is, "Why did Ancient Greeks create art?" We will be learning about ancient Greece, where Greece is and how important it was in the development of civilization. We will also focus on the daily lives of the ancient Greeks and we will learn about Greek Gods. We will look at the Ancient Greek culture and how important different forms of art were in their society. The children will design their own Ancient Greek style pots in Art.*

**ENGLISH:** We will be focusing on non-chronological reports & narrative writing, which will be linked with our topic work. We will also have focused spelling & grammar sessions. We have started off the term with activities on a text called 'Here We Are' to help the children settle back into school.

**MATHS:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> topic is measurement, focusing on length and perimeter. The children will also learn to tell the time. It would help if your child had an analogue watch, to practise on. We will do some number & place value.

**SCIENCE:** The children will be learning about animals and humans. We will look at the importance of proper nutrition. We will also find out how different parts of the body have different functions.

**RE:** The children will discuss Hinduism and reflect on 'Big Questions' relating to religion and their own lives. Our Christian values this term are 'Kindness and Compassion'.

## REMINDERS:

**Homework** will be set and reviewed, via the class page and the class padlet. Please support them and **make sure they complete some of the work set, on a weekly basis.** This week, to remember Roald Dahl Day (13<sup>th</sup> September), the children have brought home, with their newsletter, a book review to complete. The book review can be on any book. When completed, please share via the padlet. Please do not return it to school. You will find the link for the padlet on year 3's class page. **Spellings** will also be posted on the class page, on the School website. They will be displayed on a Tuesday, for testing the following Monday. Word lists will contain specific spelling patterns as well as words from the National Curriculum Spelling Lists for Year 2 and Year 3/4. **Reading** should be done at home at least 4 times a week. Reading book will be sent home on a weekly basis, ie: they will go home on a Monday to be returned on Friday, where they will be quarantined over the weekend. It is important the children understand new vocabulary they come across and comprehend what the text is about, so ask them lots of questions. Don't forget to sign their homework diary! We need evidence that they have read to you!

**Times Tables:** In Year 3, children need to learn their 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and revise their 2s, 5s and 10s. They can practise this at home using TT Rockstars which they will have their own logins for.