

WHAPLODE C OF E
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Year 3 Class Newsletter.

WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR HALF-TERM BREAK FROM MRS HOGAN AND MRS WILLINGALE. I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A WELL-DESERVED REST AND THAT YOU ARE ALL READY FOR A BUSY FINAL TERM.

The Term Ahead:

The first thing we would like to say is a "Big Thank You" for all your support and perseverance so far this year. We truly appreciate it. This newsletter will cover what we will be learning about this term, as well as some important reminders!

If there is anything you are still unsure about after reading it, please ask. You can email or telephone the school office, and we will get back to you asap! Check out the school website and twitter, search @whaplode.Y3 for useful information and photographs.

THE CURRICULUM.

Our big question for this term 6 is "How does the earth negatively impact on humans?" We will be focusing on natural disasters like volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. We will research the negative effect they have on humans and what can be done to minimize the damage and destruction they cause.

ENGLISH: This term we will become poets in Year 3. We will focus on performance poetry, using the poem "Still I rise" by Maya Angelou. Our next focus after the poetry unit will be writing a non-chronological report on earthquakes.



Our Jubilee lunch on the last day of term was a great success – sunshine, sandwiches and smiles all around!

We are all set for an exciting and productive final term. Below are some important things to note:- On a Wednesday, the class will continue to be taught by the lovely Mrs Garner. This works really well as we plan and work closely together for the benefit of the children.

Important days for PE: Year 3 will continue to be swimming on a Tuesday. The children need to come to school in their normal uniform and bring swimming kit in a separate bag. The children will have PE on Wednesday with our Elite coach and should come to school in their full PE kit on this day. They will be doing athletics this term.

Weekly homework will be issued on Friday in homework books. New spellings will also be set on Friday and tested the following Thursday

Homework is an important part of the curriculum and should be completed by all children on a weekly basis, and should be returned to school by Thursday each week. Please make a big effort to

MATHS: Our 1st topic is mass (measuring in grams and Kilos). We will then move onto volume/capacity (measuring in litres and millilitres). We will end the term with another measurement topic where the children will add and subtract amounts of money, using both pounds and pence. The children will also continue to work on their number skills, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. The Children should be fluent in their 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of year 3 as well as their 2, 5, and 10 times tables which they should know from KS1. Please make this a focus at home this term with regular times tables practice - as this helps the children in all areas of Maths

SCIENCE: After we complete our unit on Rocks, Fossils and Soils, the children will complete a unit on Forces and Magnets. They will observe how magnetic forces act without direct contact, unlike most forces, where direct contact is necessary.

RE: Our RE sessions will continue to focus on Salvation for the first part of the term. We will then move on to answer some big questions such as "What does it mean to live a good life?" Finally, we will explore whether "good" means the same to everyone. Our value this term is 'Community' and we will be discussing what this mean as well as looking at what communities the children belong to. You should have received the 'Community' newsletter last week and it would be a good idea to discuss some of the ideas in there with your child!

ensure they complete it to the best of their ability for the final term! Please also sign their reading diaries each time you hear them read to you, and make sure they bring their reading diary and reading book into school every day.

In preparation for the children moving onto Year 4, there will be opportunities for them to meet their new teacher and to spend time with them. They will get to spend a full day in Year 4 on Friday 24th June and mornings on the Mondays of 27th June; 4th & 11th July.

Please remember to send a bottle of water to school with your child every day so your child can have regular drinks. On hotter days please send sun hats with them and make sure they have sun protection on.

KIRFS: Children have, in their homework books, a set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) to support the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in school. **Reading for pleasure** at home and at school is really important so that the children understand and develop a broader vocabulary. To encourage this, we choose a variety of high-quality texts to share. Our current class text is Danny, The Champion of the World, by Roald Dahl and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. There are other books, by the same author available in school. **Please look on the Year 3 class page, on the school website, for the link to other useful extra learning resources. Please be reminded that all children have a log in for Letterjoin, to improve their handwriting.**