
SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2019

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the spring term and another busy few weeks in Class 3!

This term in English we will start with a unit on stories from imaginary worlds, focusing on Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox. We will be looking at how to draw ideas and information together from across a whole text and why things happen or characters change. We will be writing our own versions of this story, developing our use of adventurous vocabulary and paragraphs to organise our work for the audience. We will then move on to investigate non-fiction genres and poetry.

Handwriting practice will continue to focus on joining letters fluently and neatly, and we will be introducing handwriting pens for all children in English. Please encourage best handwriting at all times. When reading at home, support to develop reading comprehension would be most helpful. We will continue with our weekly guided reading sessions with a focus on analysis. Your support with reading at home is appreciated and the children would not be making this great progress without this. Please could we remind you to write a short comment (it doesn't have to be detailed, just a record of your reading together) in your child's reading journal each time you read at home. This is greatly appreciated by us and provides valuable evidence to support our judgements in reading. Thank you.

In Maths we will start with introducing written methods for both multiplication and division, then move on in Term 4 to measurement, statistics and fractions. Maths homework will involve times table practise and consolidation of key skills, which will support our learning in class. This will usually be set on MyMaths so if you require a reminder of your child's login, please do ask. Your continued support with this is much appreciated by us both.

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We shall be studying the following subjects in the other curriculum areas:

Subject	Term 3	Term 4
Science	Rocks/Forces and magnets	Forces and magnets
D & T	We will be making clay pots inspired by Bronze Age Beaker settlers and photo frames.	We will be looking at healthy eating and designing and making our own healthy snacks.
Topic	The County of Kent and Ordnance Survey skills (including use of technology)	Ancient Egypt
P.E.	Hockey and Swimming	Gymnastics and Swimming
R.E.	What is the Trinity?	Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?
Art	Painting and Printing	
Music	Beat: Building/Cornets with Mr Mason	Structure: Human Body/Cornets with Mr Mason
I.C.T	We are Network Engineers – exploring computer networks and the internet	We are presenters- videoing a performance

PE will take place on alternate Mondays and Tuesdays. We will be outside as much as possible so please ensure that your child has black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a red sweatshirt for the winter months. Earrings must be removed for PE. Our weekly swimming sessions will commence on Thursday 17 January.

We do hope you will be able to attend the Drop-in Zone on Tuesday 5 February from 3.30pm until 4pm. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

We also hope that you will be able to join us for our open lesson on Thursday 14th February at 2pm. We are inviting parents to join us for a science investigation based on our theme of 'Forces and Magnets' - details to follow.

Yours sincerely

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Class Teachers