
SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year! It is such a pleasure to be working with you all again and we are looking forward to embracing the challenges of Key Stage 2 together.

Mrs Richardson will continue to teach the children on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Wakelin will teach on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Lunn also continues to be in Class 3. We have a busy time ahead of us between now and Christmas, and this newsletter is to let you know some of the topics that we will be studying this term.

In English we shall be looking at stories by the same author (Michael Foreman); instructions and explanations; creating images; myths and legends; information texts; humorous poems and letters. Our focus in reading is to be aware of punctuation when reading aloud, and to be able to talk about what we have read. During handwriting practise we will be working towards all children using joined up writing and introducing handwriting pens when the children are ready.

In Maths this term we will be learning about place value to 3 digit numbers, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We shall be following the White Rose scheme of planning which is designed to support a mastery approach to teaching and learning and support the aims and objectives of the new National Curriculum.

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

| Subject | Term 1 | Term 2 |
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| Science | Light and Shadows | Rocks and Soils |
| D & T | | Textiles |
| Topic | Stone Age | Bronze Age and Iron Age |
| P.E. | Swimming, invasion games and gymnastics | |
| R.E. | Understanding Christianity – The People of God | Sikhism – What is like to be a Sikh? Christianity – Advent and Christmas |
| P.S.H.E | New Beginnings | Getting on, falling out and say |

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| | | no to bullying |
| Music | Brass Lessons / Melodic pitch | |
| I.C.T | We are Bug Fixers | We are Programmers |
| Art | Drawing and painting | |

The children in Year 3 always look forward to their weekly swimming sessions on a **Thursday**, which will commence after the October half term holiday. We leave school at 10.40am and arrive back at 12.10pm. We always need several helpers, especially Dads, Granddads and Mums. If you can assist, even once a term, please let the school office know.

It makes a huge difference to your child's progress if they can be heard read individually at home. We will continue to hear the children read on a fortnightly rota with our teaching assistants. Reading books will be sent home daily and this will be part of your child's homework. It is very helpful if you can make a comment in the reading record each time your child reads to you, whether it is from a school reading book or a book that you are enjoying together at home.

Class 3's cloakroom area is inside the classroom and outside Class 4. As space is limited, we ask that you provide only one bag for PE. Trainers are essential for P.E. outside so please ensure that your child has these at school for each PE session. As we are heading into autumn and the days are getting colder, please could you also provide your child with a pair of black tracksuit bottoms and a red sweatshirt as we will be outside as much as possible. We will continue to have **PE with Elite on Mondays**, so earrings will need to be removed and long hair tied back on that day please. The children have now definitely outgrown the painting aprons that we used in Key Stage 1, therefore, if you have one, could you please send in an old shirt or t shirt (adult size is fine for maximum coverage) that we can keep in the classroom, to ensure that the children's school uniform remains paint, pastel and clay free!

The children are very keen to bring in their own pencil cases, which they can use during early work and afternoon lessons. These can be kept in their trays. This is not compulsory and we will continue to provide the stationery that the children need for their lessons. If your child wishes to bring in their own pencil case, please can you ensure that it is clearly named and that there is nothing precious inside it, as sometimes things go missing. As in Key Stage 1, we will have baskets on the side for the children's named water bottles.

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Our orientation session will be held on Wednesday 11 September at 3.30pm and we look forward to seeing you then. Please do not worry if you cannot make this session as we can send a copy of the PowerPoint presentation home and we are always available after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Wakelin
Class Teachers