



# Year 3 Newsletter 2019



## Autumn 1



### This half term.....

**Topic:** Our geography-based topic this half term is 'Road Trip USA.' Children will develop their atlas and map reading skills; learn about the human and physical features of the USA and times zones across the globe. In science, we will be investigating light and dark.

**English:** Our first English unit will be creating a fact-file all about California. We will also be writing an adventure narrative around our story for the half term, "The Indian in the Cupboard."

**Maths:** Maths lessons will not be delivered in registration groups, so your child may be taught by Mr Joy, or Miss Hunwick. The focus of the first few weeks will be place value, moving on to addition and subtraction. See below for times tables information.

### Other information

**Engage Day:** To immerse ourselves back into the new topic, Year 3 spent the day learning about different places and cities of the USA by going on a road trip along Route 66.

**PE:** PE will be on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child had the appropriate kit. Hair must be tied back, and for safety the Year 3 Team advise that no earrings are to be worn on this day please.

**Singing:** Singing will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. The children this half term will be focussing on harvest songs.

**Times Tables Challenge:** Throughout Year 3, the children are expected to revise and learn their x 3, x 4 and x 8 tables. To receive their awards within the challenge they must master the following:

- Bronze = tables in order
- Silver = tables out of order
- Gold = relevant division facts

**Spellings:** Year 3 spellings will go home every Thursday afternoon and the children will be tested the following Tuesday afternoon.

### Useful reminders

#### Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

#### Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 50 reads by Christmas.

#### Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

#### Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

#### School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up.

#### Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

### Dates

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – photograph day
- **W/C 14<sup>th</sup> October**- Parents' evening
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**- Harvest Festival Reception/KS1 9:30am, KS2 11:00am at school – parents/carers welcome
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Halloween Disco Reception/KS1 – 4 til 5 KS2 – 5.15 til 6.15
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Break up for half term
- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Baby sale 10am – 12.30pm (run by APPI) dinner hall
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Back to school