20th April 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. The
children have returned well rested and full of energy, ready for their final term in Year 3.

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you to inform you of what is going to be happening over the next few weeks.

Our new topic focus this term is called ‘If we don’t look after our World… Who will?’ During this topic, the children will be focusing on sustainability, exploring places in the World using maps and globes, natural and human features and positive and negative impacts we have on our World/ environment.

During Literacy, the children will be learning a range of writing skills linked to different genres. We will be starting with a fantasy story, imaging we could fly. The children have already made a 3D model of a scene they would like to visit if they could fly. The children are now looking forward to describing these scenes using our new ‘show not tell’ description technique. We will also be focusing on writing a discussion text and consolidating our debating skills. During Literacy lessons, the children will experience many opportunities to develop their reading, writing and oracy skills.

During Numeracy sessions this term, we will be consolidating our understanding of the four main operations in a range of contexts. We will also be focusing on shape; symmetry, right angles, identifying and classifying 2D and 3D shapes. The children will have opportunities to use their numeracy skills during our topic lessons. On a weekly basis, the children complete reasoning tasks to develop confidence and problem solving skills.

Our topic this half term in R.E. is ‘Christian Life and Values’. We will be asking and answering questions about the lives of Welsh Saints, exploring the difference between belief and behaviour and begin to think about Christian values and why communities need rules. We will continue to follow the ‘Values for life’ scheme this term. Our Value for this term is ‘trust’.

Homework

The children will have nine new optional tasks, which are to be completed over the term. These tasks will be linked to our topic and can be completed in any order. Maths homework will be added to the year 3 class page and will be linked to our learning from that week, as well as a focus on mental maths skills. The children will also receive spelling patterns. These spelling patterns can be broken down into weeks, where there are many suggestions on ways to learn spellings stuck into the front of their yellow homework books.

If you ever have and queries or questions, I am available both before and after school. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Miss Poole