

## Information for the Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. This is an exciting time for Year 3 as children move on to the next step of their learning journey. They have all made a great start and have settled down well to school routines. This letter is to inform you of the learning activities planned for the Autumn term.

### Trips

Children will be visiting various places to gain a wider knowledge of their local area and historical events from the past in the units *Do you live around here?* and *Footprints from the Past*. Visits will include a walk in our local area and a visit from staff at the Woolwich Heritage Centre. They will also be visiting the Natural History Museum to learn about Dinosaurs. We will give more details of each trip later in the term.

### Independent learning

Your child will be required to:

- Talk about significant places they know in their local area.
- Interview family members to gain a clear picture of what London was like in the past.
- Make comparisons of the past and present.
- Research different dinosaurs.

Parents are encouraged to discuss these topics with their child to extend their learning experiences. These discussions will allow your child to access new learning with confidence and become independent learners.

### Guided Reading

Children will have opportunities to read and discuss a range of books each day on which to build the following skills: comprehension, reading strategies, understanding of different authors' writing styles, as well as developing a love for reading. Your child will read books at their level with their class teacher and complete additional tasks to become a more fluent and independent reader.

### Numeracy

Throughout the year children will be encouraged to learn their times-tables. This will enable your child to solve a range of numeracy problems. We will be assessing their knowledge of times table facts on a regular basis, as well as key skills. Bearing this in mind, additional practice at home will give them an added advantage as it will build your child's confidence in Numeracy.

### Supporting your child at home

- Your child has a reading record which is for two-way communication between you and the class teacher. Please write in any comments you may have about your child's reading. Children are expected to read for 20 minutes at home each day. When your child has completed their book, they take a quiz which tests their understanding of the text.
- To improve your child's spelling we would like you to practise everyday words so they can become more fluent readers and writers. Spellings will be sent home weekly and you are encouraged to practise the words with your child.
- Your child can access additional curriculum resources on computing programmes such as; PurpleMash, Mathletics and Spellodrome.

### PE

PE is an important part of the curriculum and your child will need to bring in a PE kit and leave it in school for the half term. This will ensure children participate in all PE activities.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss this with your class teacher. We look forward to a successful term in Year 3.

Regards,

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Iqbal, Ms Goodman, Miss Harris and Mr Hetherington.

Year 3 Teachers