

## Lower KS2 Half Termly Curriculum Overview

### Year 3 - Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break to another school year. The children have made an excellent start in Year 3 and have made a very smooth transition from the Infants into the Juniors. I am pleased to provide you with information about what the children will be covering in the different subjects during the first half of the Autumn term. We have a new curriculum beginning this academic year. If you wish to know more about it, visit the DfE website for more information. See overleaf for the topic map for this half term. Mrs Roberts will continue to cover PPA time in class, working on Spanish, grammar and punctuation and mental maths skills.

#### RE Topics for the Autumn Term

**Homes** - Explore how God is present in every home. This is expressed in the love that binds the family together through good and bad times.

**Promises** - Explore the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation. Learn how people are welcomed and initiated into the Christian church and supported in responding to God's call.

**Visitors** - Explore the joys and demands of visitors. Focus on Advent - a time when we wait for Jesus.

#### Concerns and messages

If you have any concerns or problems, please do not hesitate to come in and see me at the end of the school day. Any messages in the morning must be left with a Teaching Assistant on the Junior gate and they will be passed directly to me.

#### Reading

In line with our school policy the children will develop their reading in class throughout the week through shared reading and guided reading sessions and I shall be monitoring their reading progress carefully each week with my own records.

The reading records are for parents to record your child's reading at home. We ask all our Junior children to read for 15 minutes each night. Although I will be keeping my own record of your child's reading progress it would be really helpful if you could make comments in your child's reading record book each time they read, to let me know how they have coped with a book at home. Home reading records are checked and once a week their home reading is acknowledged and a target will be highlighted in the book.

If your child reads any other reading material as well as their reading book from school please also make a note of it in their reading record. The home reading record is also a good way to make contact with me if you wish to send me a message and cannot get into school.

#### Healthy School Initiative

As part of the healthy school initiative, we will continue to encourage the children to be active at playtimes. Children will be encouraged to drink water throughout the day, therefore it is important that the children have their bottles in everyday! It makes it easier for the children if the bottles have a sports top, as it would prevent any unnecessary spillage. Healthy snack days will continue to be Monday to Thursday and the children will be given the opportunity to eat their snacks during morning playtimes.

#### Homework

- **Literacy homework** will be given out on a Friday and is to be handed in the following Tuesday.
- **Spellings** will be given out on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday.
- **Maths homework** will be given out on a Tuesday and is to be handed in on Friday of the same week.
- **Reading** - for a minimum of 15 minutes per night and complete their reading records.