

# Year 3S Newsletter

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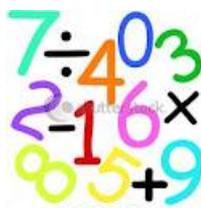
# Welcome



Welcome back after the holidays and a happy New Year to you all! Miss Kelly, Mr Whittaker and I would like to thank you for all the cards and gifts that we received, they were very thoughtful.

Homework will be given on a Friday and is to be handed in on Wednesday. Reading books must be changed at least once a week. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, we are available after school each night.

# Maths



In Maths we will be developing our understanding of basic skills especially place value, mental calculation skills and then developing our written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will be developing our knowledge of fractions. We will be finding fractions of whole numbers and shape, and relating fractions to division. We will also be looking at pictograms and money.

Please help your child in learning their tables and division facts, as well as their number bonds to 20, 100 and 1000.

# English



In English we will be looking at recounts using a newspaper report. We will be reading a variety of newspaper reports and using the First News children's newspaper. We will learn how to interview sources, use direct and reported speech and recount the event in an interesting and informative way.

Guided reading will focus on developing the children's individual ability to retrieve, deduce and infer from a range of texts and developing our comprehension skills. We will also be working hard on our presentation, by developing a neat, cursive style of handwriting.

# Topic



Our topic this term is 'Digital Gamers'. The children will be using the scratch programme to write an algorithm to make things happen in a digital game. We will be learning how to debug scripts and programs in digital games as well as design, code, create and market our own digital games.

Scratch is a free programme that children can use at home on <http://scratch.mit.edu>

It has information for parents and will help the children if they can practice their skills at home.

# Science



In Science this term our first topic is 'Animals including humans'. As part of this topic we will be learning about the different types of nutrition humans need to stay healthy. We will also be learning about the skeleton and how it works together with our muscles to help us move.

After half term we will move on to our next topic, 'Plants'. Our learning will include the life cycle of a flowering plant and how water is transported around a plant.

# R.E.



Our R.E topic is Jesus the healer. We will be looking at the stories that show how Jesus healed people and the why Christians believe that Jesus still heals people today. We will try to understand how people felt before and after they were healed and what impact Jesus had on their, and our, lives.

We will also be looking at the Church. We will explore the different areas of the church and how Christians use the church building. We will identify symbols and their meanings and consider why the church is a special place for a Christian.

# General News



## **P.E & Clothing**

Please make sure all children's clothing is clearly labelled, including shoes and their P.E kit to avoid loss.

Every Wednesday we will be doing skills lessons. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit.

## **Attendance and punctuality**

It is important that children attend school on time every day. Doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken at 8.55am. We are struggling to win the attendance and punctuality award so please try to attend every day on time.

## **Reading Books**

It is very important that your child reads their book for 10 minutes each night. They can change their book as often as they like by putting it in the box on top of the library bookcase just outside the classroom but must do this at least once a week.

## **Homework**

Homework is to be done every week and in a pencil please, not felt tip or coloured pencils as they are hard to read. Homework is given out on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.