



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your break. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

### Class texts

In our English Unit, we will be reading *Olivier Twist* and then in Spring 2, *The Old Man and the Magic Bowl*. In our whole class reading lessons, we will be reading *Bill's New Frock* by Anne Fine. At the end of day, we will be reading *Cut-throat Celts*.

### English

This term, we will be looking at the writing genre of play scripts. We will produce a play script using the scene where *Olivier* asks for more gruel. We will ensure that all the features of a play script are added. In the second half of the term, we will be writing a narrative piece based on stories from other cultures.

### Science

Our first topic this term is *Amazing Bodies*. We will be learning about our bodies and how we keep our bodies fit and healthy. We will also be identifying and sorting different types of animals into groups. In the second half of spring term, we will be looking at forces and investigating different surfaces and forces. Our BIG question will be: *How do objects move?*

### Geography

In this term, we will be looking at the continent of Europe. In particular, we will be answering the BIG question: *Who are our European neighbours?* We will also practise our map skills and use atlases to help us locate areas on a map.

### Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills in the four operations. Children must know their number bonds and their 2,5,10-, 3,4- and 8-times tables times table by the end of this year. Please continue working on these at home. The main foci of this term are multiplication and division. We will then move on to measurement, statistics, length and perimeter and fractions.

### History

This term, we will be learning about the Roman Empire. Our historical analysis skills will be developed by gathering content, processing information then communicating and presenting these in a variety of ways. The information learnt throughout the lessons will then be used to answer this term's BIG question: *'What made the Romans so influential?'*

### Computing

This term we will be learning about spreadsheets, touch typing and emails. Within these lessons, we will be reinforcing what we have learnt about keeping safe over the internet. Children will also be learning how to create pie charts and bar graphs, to use different functions to help calculate number and to use coordinates. The aim of some lessons will also focus on the speed of typing.

### RE

Our first BIG question for RE this term will be focusing on pilgrimages and why pilgrimages are important in some religious traditions. We will then move on to answer the BIG question: *What does Sikhism teach us about selfless service?*

### PSHCE

PSHCE is taught through daily reflections, assemblies and PSHCE days. This term's themes: *Living in the Wider World* such as charity, how we make and spend money and stereotypes will be explored.

### REMINDER

- **Read** every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday. Once the child has read they should write a sentence about what they have read using the sentence starters printed in the reading records.
  - Practise their **times tables** on TTRS.
  - Practise their **spellings** ready for their test each Friday.
- **Homework** is sent home on Fridays and must be returned on or before the following Wednesday.
- Authorised Full **PE kit** should be worn on a **Monday** for **all 3 classes** and **Tuesday** for **Peacock and Panda Class** and **Friday** for **Turtle Class**
- **Forest School- Peacock Class will be having Forest School this half term, every Friday. Children must come into school in their forest school clothes (a separate email has been sent to parents providing more information on this).**

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 3 team if you have any questions.