



## **Year 3**

# **Spring Curriculum Newsletter 2018**

Welcome back! We all hope you had a great Christmas and New Year.

This term has been split into 2 themes. The first is 'We are Recyclers'. We will be particularly studying how we can be sustainable and the issues and consequences of pollution. Our second theme is 'We are Movers and Shakers' and we will be looking at volcanoes and earthquakes as well as famous people that have moved or shaken history.

We hope you find our newsletter useful; it will give you some information about what the children will be learning, dates for your diary and some ways to help with your child's learning.

### **English**

For the first half term we will be reading 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. This book looks at ways that we can recycle and the positive effect this can have on our surroundings. We will be writing descriptions, diary entries and letters as well as using role-play, hot seating and freeze-framing.

After half-term we will be looking more at different forms of poetry and studying people that have had an impact on the world.

### **Maths**



We will be looking at place value, the four number operations (+ - x and ÷), shape, volume and capacity, time, fractions, perimeter, money and statistics. Regular practise of times tables and looking at digital and analogue clocks at home really helps with the children's learning and we appreciate your help with this. Mental arithmetic and time tables will be tested regularly.

### **Foundation Subjects**

Our first topic this term is about being sustainable. We will be focusing on the effects of pollution, what we can do to make a difference and will be doing a study on the school's wind turbine. When we have a good understanding, we are going to be designing and making our own sustainable model of an island!

Our second topic is studying volcanoes and earthquakes. We will be looking at the types of rocks, why volcanoes erupt and will have a go at making our own model of an erupting volcano! Our indoor PE lessons will be on Wednesday mornings for 3S and Friday mornings for 3C. Our outdoor lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons.

Our music lessons we will continue to be on Tuesday afternoons and we will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Parents Evening**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 3:30- 7:00pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 3:30- 5:30pm

### **Book Look**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 3:30- 4:00pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 8:15- 8:40pm

### *Dates to be confirmed:*

The Local History Group are coming in to talk to Year 3 about the history of Flackwell Heath.

We will be visiting Christ Church this term in the lead up to Easter.

## **REMINDERS**

**Homework:** Please support your child in completing their homework, and handing it in, on time. Homework is set on a Thursday and is due back by the following Monday, at the latest. If My Maths homework is set and your child is unable to access the internet at home, please let us know and we will arrange for it to be completed in school.

Reading regularly and help with learning spellings and times tables has a significant impact on a child's learning and progress and we really appreciate your support in this. Please sign your child's reading record to confirm that they have read, and discussed the book, with an adult.

We are looking forward to another great term ahead and are excited about teaching your children.

**Mr Talbot and Mrs Guy**  
**Y3 Class Teachers**