



Year Three Newsletter Autumn Term 1

What a great start to the new school year! The children have settled brilliantly in our new classroom and have quickly got used to the new routines.

Key information for this term

This term we will have our Saints sports session on Monday and our PE lesson on a Tuesday, so please make sure children have a clean PE kit in school at the beginning of each week.

We are also having a daily dash each day - an opportunity to run, walk or jog for a 10 minute burst during the day. Children do not wear PE kit for this.

Please can you make sure PE kit and jumpers are labelled. It would really help us to make sure children are reunited with their own clothes!

Children will select books from the library to take home on a Monday. They need to be returned the following Monday so we can quarantine them before we return them to the shelves.

In English we are starting our term by reading the delightful book 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino. This will serve as a contrast to our topic work on the local area, as well as working towards children producing a piece of writing about a visit to a favourite place, including dialogue. Suggestions that we visit London have been made – sadly not practical at this time!

In Maths we are looking at place value, recapping on children's understanding of work covered in Year 2 before moving onto more challenging material. We have spent the week playing games from Jo Boaler's 'Week of Inspirational Maths'. If you wanted to continue this at home, there is a section on the site for parents and home learning.

<https://www.youcubed.org/week-inspirational-math>

By Year 3, children are expected to be learning times tables facts by heart (ie 5 sevens, 2 lots of 9, 10 times eight etc, not just chanting a table in order.) We will be learning and rehearsing these in school, so please support at home. This week we have started with 2s, 5s, 10s which most children are confident with.

Our big questions are

Science - What do scientists do?

RE - What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?

History - What was Dartmoor like in the past?

We are spending a lot of time thinking about and discussing positive mental health. We are doing lots of activities to keep self-esteem high and focusing on our wellbeing.



At the end of the day we have our class reading time. We will be reading the books from Pie Corbett's recommended reading list, first up is *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* which we are really enjoying.

Reading at home is vital and makes all the difference. Please read with your children as often as possible, daily if you are able to. We will be setting homework activities, but reading is always our number one priority.

Please remember all children should be in the correct school uniform. Please let us know if there is a problem.

This term we will be holding parents meetings over the phone. We have our available slots on Thursday 1st October. Please book a time with Miss Jackson by phoning 01647 432412 or by emailing admin@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk If this date is not convenient, we will try to accommodate a different day and time.

If you need to get a message to us, or wish to speak to us before then, please let us know lisa@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk tpenny@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk

With very best wishes,

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