

## **Welcome to Spring Term in Year 3**

Hello,

Welcome back I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and are ready for the new term.

PE days will now be a Tuesday and a Thursday. On a Thursday we will be doing football and all children need appropriate trainers for this as well as outdoor PE kit (joggers).

This term we will be learning lots of new things and a brief summary is included below:-

### **English**

We will be looking at Information texts by focusing on How Bees Make Honey including sequencing of events before looking at the Iron Giant and narrative writing. As the term progresses we shall look at diary writing inspired by the book The Journey before we look again at non-chronological reports and Healthy Eating which also links to work in Science and Design and Technology.

As a Class we shall read Moondragons and The Iron Man as well as our Guided Reading and reading for pleasure sessions. The children are showing fantastic progress with Accelerated Reader and should still look to read their book at least 3 times a week. Please remember to sign their Reading Journals.

## **Maths**

This term we shall be learning to multiply and divide, including the new x4, x6 and x8 tables. Children can practice their skills in both Mathematics and Times Table Rockstars.

We shall also be looking at measurements including length and perimeter and mass and capacity before beginning to look at fractions.

## **RE**

As we look towards Easter we will begin this term by travelling from Galilee to Jerusalem, beginning with the visit of the Magi, looking at some key events in Jesus's life before his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

We shall then consider Lent in from Desert to Garden, looking at how Jesus spent time in the Desert to the Last Supper and the Ascension and how these events are mirrored in our Mass. In the build up to Easter the children will also consider the Stations of the Cross.

## **Science**

We shall continue with our work on bones, muscles and movement looking at exoskeletons and endoskeletons before thinking how we can stay healthy through our diet and exercise.

We shall then consider different forces and magnets and look at the work of Sir Isaac Newton and how he shaped our understanding of forces, including gravity.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for our exciting Science week activities.

## **Geography**

We shall look at two Geography units the term. In the first we shall look at Why People Chose to Live in Antarctica. We shall be looking at longitude and latitude as well as undertaking a local map study. We shall then look at different Settlements, comparing where we live with New Dehli.

## **PHSE**

This term we shall consider how we are Created to Love Others and look at relationships such as friendships, family and how we act towards others. In conjunction with our Computing we shall also look at how we can stay safe online.

## **Art**

We shall be thinking about Sculpture and will design and make our ideal playground so start saving those boxes.

## **DT**

In what is always a Year 3 highlight we shall then look at the build of traditional castles and design and make our

own showing many of the key features from battlements to gatehouses. Definitely save your boxes for this!

## **Computing**

We are going to use Micro:bits to sequence sounds before looking at branching databases.

## **Music**

We are excited to welcome Mr Tugwell who will be teaching us recorders this term in preparation for the Spring Music Concert. We shall also be singing and learning beat and rhythm.

## **French**

Mrs Glaister will be teaching the children French words for animals and instruments.