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### Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn 1 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome you and your child to Year 3, a year we hope to be full of fun, happiness, hard work and learning. We have 6 brilliant challenge topics planned for this year and the first of these is 'What makes Roald Dahl so delumptions?' We will be exploring a number of different learning focuses: Science, Computing, Art, History, Bullying, along the way and will use Roald Dahl's writing to bring these subjects to life. We will also read several of his books in class and encourage children to read or watch Dahl work at home too.

Area of learning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Learning Challenge Question	Can you illustrate like Quentin Blake?	What were Dahl's school days like?	George: harmless prankster or bully?	Can you find a fizzlecumpi ng force?	Are you muddled by magnets?	Does Fantastic Mr Fox Network?	Froboscottle: Crodscollop or Frothbuggle ?	Child Choice week
English	Story Writing (George's Marvellous Medicine)	Instruction Writing (George's Marvellous Medicine)	Poetry (Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts)	Poetry (Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts)	Recapping and publishing			
Maths	Place Value	Place Value	Addition	Addition and Subtraction	Subtraction	Area and Perimeter	Closing the gaps	Closing the gaps

We will be having a Dahl Dress Up Day later in the term (week 7 - date tbc). It is national Dahl day this week (13<sup>th</sup> September) but we felt this a little soon in the term to arrange costumes. A letter will be sent out confirming the date and supplying ideas for costumes at a later date. We will also invite relatives in to share their favourite Dahl stories with the children. This is a lovely afternoon and further details will be sent out confirming this.

This term, PE lessons will be on a Monday and Friday. An indoor kit of an appropriately coloured team T-shirt, navy or black shorts and black pumps or trainers, outdoor kit remains the same with the addition of tracksuit bottoms and a sweater in colder weather. We will be learning about hockey and dance this term. It is important that children have the correct kit in school at all times and that it is labelled with their name. Everyone is expected to take part and a note from a parent is required from anyone unable to take part due to medical grounds.



Homework will be changing this year, with a reduced amount to allow for more for home reading. Spelling packs will be sent home each Monday and need to be returned on the Friday. Times tables books, with children being set appropriate tables for their current attainment, will also be sent home weekly to be returned on the Friday. In addition to this, we greatly encourage the use of TT Rocks and will be promoting this in class.

Regarding school reading books, the children begin the process of Accelerated Reader this year and will be assessed by an online quiz. They will be given a range of books to choose from and then quizzed in school about the books, using the class iPads. This is a brilliant and comprehensive new scheme which places more emphasis on understanding what they have read. As a result, children may be bringing home slightly different books (easier or more challenging) dependent on their assessment score. They can move through the book ranges by quizzing more and building their understanding.

We look forward to a fantastic year in Year 3 and are very willing to discuss concerns you may have at the soonest possible opportunity. We have an open door policy and please speak to a member of Year 3 staff if you have anything you need to discuss.

Many thanks,

Year 3 Team: Mr Aked, Miss Scott, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hart

