

## Year 3 Newsletter Summer 1, 2016

### Classes 5 and 6

Dear Families

We hope you had a restful Easter break; we have yet another busy half term ahead of us. The term's topic is 'Do opposites always attract?' and this half term we'll be learning about magnets and light.

#### Staffing Team

There have been a few small changes to the teaching team in Year 3 this term. In Class 5 Mrs Walker will be teaching on Wednesday afternoons and half of Thursday afternoon. For the other half Miss Spencer will be teaching PE. In Class 6, Mrs Walker and Miss Spencer will be teaching for half the afternoon each. On Friday, Miss Hopkin will be teaching in the afternoon.

#### Curriculum

This term, our core text will be 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown. We will also be looking at a variety of non-fiction texts including newspapers and instructions. Last week, we looked at poetry with "night" as its theme and wrote our own list poem! In science, we will be planning investigations which explore magnetism as well as looking at light and shadows. We are also starting sex and relationships education (SRE) this half term. If you any questions about this please speak to Miss Mulligan as soon as possible.



#### 'I Can Maths'

We are changing the way that we mark I Can Maths in school. Instead of marking in a different class, children's answers will be marked in their year groups. Therefore it is really important that your child arrives on time to give themselves enough time to complete their morning work and ensure they achieve the best they possibly can!



#### PE

Year 3 will be doing PE on Thursday afternoons with Miss Spencer from the Gedling Sports Partnership. Please make sure that PE kits remain in school throughout the term so that if an opportunity for another PE session arises, your child will be able to take part. Children will need to have shorts/tracksuit bottoms, plimsolls and a t-shirt. Girls will also need to have their hair tied back and all children will need to remove their earrings themselves as we are unable to assist them.

#### Home Learning

In line with the school's policy the children will be expected to complete home learning tasks.

#### Reading

**Reading Olympics** will be counted from the first day of term. Our target is for every child to achieve the Gold Award. Please help your child by reading at home with them and recording their reads in their diary: reads should be recorded with the book title and page number. We do not backdate reads from a previous week, so please ensure that they are up to date each **Friday**.



**Bronze award = 15 reads    Silver award = 25 reads    Gold award = 40 reads    Ruby award = 70 reads**  
and **Diamond award = 100 reads.**

We aim to hear each child read individually at least once a week but children also read within a group during guided reading and whole class literacy lessons. We will continue to reward the children daily and weekly for great home reading. We will also have a class GOLD Reading Award. Children who achieve **Gold** will be able to participate in this half term's reading reward. Let's work to get everyone to GOLD!

### **Spellings**

Please continue to practise spellings at home and where possible, put the words into context. The children will be given new spellings weekly to practice, and will be tested on these every Friday. Please try and spend ten minutes a day using the Look, Cover, and Write approach at home. We have noticed that those children who are practicing at home are applying learnt spelling rules more consistently within their writing.

### **Numeracy**

This will be set by the child's Numeracy teacher once a week on a Friday, with one week to complete and return it. Children are handed their homework and it is their responsibility to ensure it is taken home. We do keep spares if they have been misplaced so please let us know as soon as possible!

### **Topic**

Each fortnight the children will have a piece of home learning related to our project '**Do Opposites Always attract?**'

### **Key Dates**

A whole school newsletter will be sent out shortly with key dates for the term eg transition days, sports days etc.

If you have any questions or queries our team are always here to help. If you could offer any time in school to support learning in any way please come and talk to us: we'd be very grateful.

**We would particularly love extra support with readers. So if you can spare an afternoon to hear children read – please come and see us!**

### **The Year 3 Team**

James Payne (Class 5 teacher)

Katya Aleksic (Class 6 teacher)

Ann Hopkin and Viv Bentley (Teaching Assistants)

Mrs Walker and Miss Spencer (PPA teachers)



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