

Autumn Term 2016

# Watling Street School

## Year 3 Newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 3.  
This term we will be learning all about:



**Maths** - In maths we will be covering number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shape, multiplication and division, fractions and measurement. We will also be studying geometry—properties of shapes..

**English** - In English we will be covering explanation texts, diary writing, and letter writing including autobiographical texts and poetry. Our grammar will include using direct speech, revising adjectives, revision of basic sentence punctuation and adding prefixes to nouns.

**Computing** - In computing, for the first half term we will be developing a short, scripted, animated cartoon (programming) and after we will be finding and correcting bugs (Bug fixers).

**Science**- Our first science topic is 'Rocks and Soils'. It is closely linked to our Cornerstones topic and covers the properties of rocks, the rock family, soils and fossils. In our second topic, 'Magnets and Forces', we will be investigating the forces needed to make objects move, classifying materials that are magnetic and not magnetic and collecting evidence to find the strongest magnet.

**RE** In Re we will be finding out about the Christian Holy Bible and the Muslim Holy Qur'an. We will use a variety of sources to explore the theme of holy writings and consider why holy books are so important in the religions.. We will also think about why both faiths consider Jesus to be a 'good' roll model.

**Cornerstones**- Our first topic will be 'Tremors'. We will be covering Mother Nature's awesome energies with volcanoes and earthquakes and other natural disasters! We will also discover the properties of rocks shaped by the Earth's breathtaking power.

**Music**- In Music this term we will be continuing to play instruments in our Rock It music lessons with Mr Baugh. This year, we are aiming to achieve a Level 1 London School of Ensemble exam. We will also be exploring descriptive sounds in music and exploring rhythmic patterns.

**PE**- In Dance we will perform gestures showing a variety of qualities, travelling and spinning. We will also perform a simple country dance to a regular rhythm.

**MFL**- This term, we are learning simple rhymes and songs, learning how to speak fluently, clearly and confidently to people. We will also learn how to recognise some familiar words in the written form. We are following a topic called Je parle Francais.



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### Important information for Year 3



**Members of Staff-** Working alongside me this year will be Mrs Whitehead and Miss Evans (am) and Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Gibson (pm).

**PE lessons-** This term PE lessons will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. As the weather deteriorates, it may become necessary to wear joggers and trainers during outdoor PE lessons. These items can be left in school along with indoor PE kits. Please make sure that all items of jewellery, especially earrings, are removed on these days and that long hair is tied up.

**Reading books-** All of the children will have a book to go home as well as an ebook. All of the children know that if their signed diaries and reading books are put in the 'Reading Books' box, their books will almost always be changed the same day. The books should be read at a pace suitable to your child. I am always very happy to read that the children have spent some time discussing the text and have been discouraged from racing through the book! If you feel there is a problem with your child's reading book then please either write a note in their diary or see me at the end of the day.

**Reading books should be brought to school every day.**

**Water bottles-** The children are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school and drink plenty of water throughout the day. They are able to re-fill bottles with fresh water at play times and dinner times and will often have them at their tables when working. Bottles with sports caps are most suitable as accidents can and will happen! I will always try to make sure bottles come home every night to be washed.

**Homework-** Each Friday the children will receive spellings which will be tested on the following Friday. These spellings will be linked to that week's spelling lesson.

A variety of homework activities will available on [iamlearning.co.uk](http://iamlearning.co.uk). These activities are often quite simple and can be completed independently. The children can enjoy creating their own study areas and playing a variety of fun games.

Weekly Maths and/or English homework will sent home on a Friday.

