

### **A Message from Year 3**

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed half term and are all refreshed and ready to continue our learning. Mrs Ripley, Miss Riches and Miss Gecheva.

#### **Reading**

Our reading text this half term begins with 'Operation Gadgetman'. This book follows Beans and her friends' journey to rescue her inventor father. Beans' father invented a machine that can empty ATMs and as a result was kidnapped by people who want the invention for themselves. Armed with the special Gadgetman Spy Kits, Beans and her friends set out on their rescue mission and what follows is a thrilling adventure packed with suspense and excitement.

#### **Writing**

We begin this term with advanced instructional writing. Then we will move onto non-chronological reports.

#### **Maths**

In maths we will begin by looking at fractions. They will learn about unit and non-unit fractions as well as equivalent fractions. Then we will move onto measuring and comparing mass and capacity.

*As always, we ask that children regularly practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.*

#### **Wider curriculum**

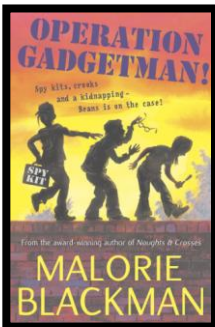
Our **Geography** topic this term is called "Island Life" where we will be learning about the islands of the world, how they are formed, what life is like on some islands, as well as some of the threats to people's lives and their unique cultures.

In **RE** we will be discussing the question "Why are festivals important to religious communities?" The children will learn in depth about the Christian festival of Easter, then later on in the year they will be comparing this to the religious festivals of Diwali in Hinduism, Pesach in Judaism and Eid ul Fitr in Islam.

In **PSHE** our topic is "Healthy Me" the children will be learning about how choices affect their health. This includes the importance of exercise, learning about calories, fat and sugar and the impact of drugs, including medicine. Finally, how to keep themselves safe and how to contact the emergency services.

Our **P.E.** focus this term is invasion games and then cricket.

In **Spanish** this term the children will be learning about shapes as well as recapping greetings and numbers.



#### **Homework**

We will be sending out homework books every **Friday**. Alternate weeks will have a new list of spellings. Homework books are to be returned **every Tuesday**.

#### **P.E**

- **Attenborough** P.E – Tuesday & Thursday
- **Mercury** P.E – Tuesday & Thursday
- **Singh** P.E – Tuesday & Friday

On PE days children are to come to school in PE kit.

#### **Uniform**

Branded navy-blue sweatshirt or cardigan

- White shirt or polo shirt
- Dark grey trousers (Dark grey shorts in Summer)
- Dark grey skirt
- Dark grey bib or zip front pinafore dress
- Royal blue and white zip-fronted gingham dress (Summer)
- Flat, black school shoes or black trainers
- Black, grey or white school socks (Dark grey tights)
- Please note – on PE days children are to come to school in their PE kit.

#### **Reading Records**

Children should be reading at home (independently or to an adult) **at least 3 times a week**

We would like to see evidence of this in reading records with the children recording a detailed comment about the section they have read.

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 9-11am**

**Attendance drop in session** at the Juniors school for parents/carers to drop in and discuss your child's attendance certificate, ask questions or raise concerns with the EWO.