

# S I N G L E T O N

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### Class 3 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year. Miss Kirby and I would like to say a huge thank you for your kind words, cards and very generous gifts at the end of last year. We are very grateful for the support we receive from our families.

As always, it is a very busy term. We have lots of exciting things planned.

Last term, the children worked so hard, I am sure this will continue for the rest of the academic year. Our intention is to make this term an exciting one, full of fantastic different learning opportunities which will engage the children and help them to develop and progress both academically and socially.

### Homework

Year 5 homework will recommence Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. This will continue to be online homework and will be set every Friday on 'My Maths'.

In addition, I would ask that all children read at least 3 times a week. Children are free to change their books when necessary. Whatever stage your child is at in reading, please encourage reading for enjoyment.

Year 6 children will receive homework based on their booster classes, which begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given on a Friday, with the children being tested the following Friday. I recommended children use the Look, cover, write, check technique to help them learn their spellings. As usual, the spellings will also be set as a quiz on Purple Mash. Spellings will recommence Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

### Home Projects

We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children's home projects so far. The effort and enthusiasm that they put in is outstanding. All children are aware of their project theme and the date it needs to be ready for. If you need to change the date of the project, please let me know.

### X Factor

Our annual X-Factor Times Table competition will begin w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January. Please encourage your child to take part and help them learn their table facts at home. A separate letter with more information will be sent out.

### Year 6 SATs Boosters

SATs booster groups begin w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. We will run two sessions each week; Numeracy on a Monday and Literacy on a Tuesday. The sessions run from 3:00 – 4:15. Alongside the preparation done in class, these sessions will help prepare your child for their End of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments. Pupils will receive numeracy and literacy homework each booster session – this needs to be completed and in school the following Monday or Tuesday.

Below I have outlined the different units covered in each curriculum area.

### Literacy

In Literacy, we are following a 'Teach through a text' approach. Class 3 will be given the opportunity to explore adventure-based narratives. They will look at features of adventure stories, leading them to writing their own. Later in the term, they will focus on biographies. Children will write in role, use thought bubbles and express through dialogue. Every child will be encouraged to write cursively, using their blue Berol handwriting pen or Frixion pen. Spelling, punctuation and grammar work will be embedded throughout our literacy units.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy children will work across various areas of maths. We will begin with formal and mental methods for both multiplication and division. Fractions, decimals and percentages will also be covered as well as squared and cubed numbers. Later in the term we will cover 2D and 3D shapes, ratio and proportion, measures and problem solving.

### PE

Our PE day is on Thursday. The first half of term we are focusing on a Gymnastic unit. This will take place in the school hall and children will need to be barefoot. During the second half term, children will work through a tennis unit. This will take place outside.

PE kit consists of:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- A Singleton PE hoody
- Red shorts (in winter these can be replaced with black joggers or leggings)
- Trainers or pumps

Last term we saw a variation of jumpers and hoodies being worn on PE days. Singleton school jumpers or PE hoodies must only be worn over your child's PE t-shirt.

\*All earrings must be taken out before the PE lesson. Children must not wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their earrings, they will take a non-active role in the lesson.

### Art and Design

Class 3 will draw portraits. The unit of work offers pupils opportunities to develop skills in creating interesting portrait drawings using words, experimenting with materials and techniques, and constructing self-portraits that represent aspects of themselves.

### French

Our unit is 'Eating out'. Children will broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words in a particular context.

### Humanities

Our humanities focus is Geography in the first half term, looking at protecting our environment. In the second half term, our focus will be History where children will study The Ancient Greeks.

### Computing

This half term children will explore two different units; spreadsheets and databases.

### Science

As part of our 'Growing up and Growing old' unit the children will learn about how humans develop from birth to old age. If possible, please send in a baby or toddler photograph of your child for us to use in our science lessons. These can be emailed to [julie.stansfield@singleton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:julie.stansfield@singleton.lancs.sch.uk). During the second half of the term, children will move to our 'Evolution and Inheritance' unit. They will learn that

living things change over time and that fossils provide us with information about living things from many years ago. We will also look at the link between adaptation and evolution.

#### R.E

We will be exploring the question; Why do Christians believe Jesus was a great teacher? We will look at key messages from the bible and how these impact practicing Christians.

Our whole school worship is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. We invite you to join us in this in our school hall at 8:45am.

#### PSHE

Children will discuss how to keep themselves safe, in particular keeping safe when online.

#### Fantastic Friday

This half term our Fantastic Friday is a Design and Technology unit. The children will design and make a stuffed toy. They will create an appropriate template for their stuffed toy and learn how to join two pieces of fabric using a blanket stitch. During the second half of the term, the class will join with Ms Rund for forest school activities.

#### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Please note that children in Year 6 will not be allowed to wear their leavers hoody in school as this is not part of our school uniform. If children wish to wear their hoody in school, they may do so on PE days and also during our final week (w/c 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024). During this week we will be celebrating all of the wonderful things that Year 6 have achieved. Leavers hoodies are organised and purchased by parents, not school.

#### Library

Class 3 have really enjoyed visiting our school library. We tend to go to the library on a Friday, where children can return and choose a new book to take home.

Finally, a polite reminder to be prompt when dropping off and collecting pupils. Please ensure all children are accompanied by an adult at all times and dropped directly at the door where a face-to-face handover to a member of staff can take place (this includes kids club).

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I will be at the classroom door each afternoon at collection time.

Many Thanks

Mrs James