

St Francis of Assisi
Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School
Year 3 Newsletter—September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Year 3 and we are all looking forward to getting to know the children and you over the next year. We have an exciting year ahead of us and we can't wait to get started. Firstly, we would like to introduce our team: Miss Brazier, Mrs Watt, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Mitra and Mrs Murali. We are a friendly, welcoming and dedicated team with your children's best interests at heart. We know that school life does not always run smoothly, therefore we have an open door policy for parents and carers. We do appreciate that many parents are not able to drop children off or pick the children up, so we have a range of ways to contact us:

- A note in their homework diary
- Phone call to school (01642 769442)
- E-mail— frrbrazier@sbcschools.org.uk / frjmontgomery@sbcschools.org.uk
- frswatt@sbcschools.org.uk

Topics

We have an exciting first term and we thought you would like to know the topics your child will be studying during this time. We will be concentrating on:

Topic— The Tudors

Science – Forces and Magnets

R.E. – What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?

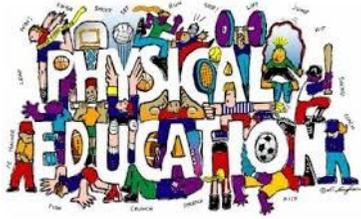
If you have any resources or books that you would be willing to share, please send them into school (please make sure it has a name on so that it can be returned safely). It would also be lovely if anyone has any experience, they could share, in line with these topics. Please just have a chat with one of the team and let us know.



Reading.

Thank you for your support with reading. Having such great support from home does make a vast difference to the children and what they are able to achieve. Please hear your child read at home regularly. This can include discussions about their books. We would also appreciate it if you could make a comment in their homework diaries about your child's reading. It is a great encouragement to them and helps us too!





P.E

Children will have PE sessions on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** this term. These sessions may be indoors or outdoors. As you can appreciate, we endeavour, where possible to have sessions outdoors when the weather is dry, however it is important that children are prepared for cold and damp weather. Therefore, children need an outdoor PE kit in school at all times. Please ensure that they have plenty of layers, long trousers and shoes suitable for outdoor sessions. Please also ensure that all items are named. P.E. kits should include navy shorts and tracksuit bottoms/leggings, a plain white t-shirt and a navy tracksuit top.

Resilience:

Our focus across the school this year continues to be resilience. We would like children to develop their own resilience to become self-motivated and responsible individuals.

Children will always receive the full support that they need, but we would like to see children accepting challenges and striving to achieve to the very best of their abilities. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping your children to develop their resilience inside and outside of the classroom. You could help to support us in this by encouraging: your child to take responsibility for their own belongings; your child to complete their homework as independently as possible; your child to make regular use of their homework diaries. We understand that Year 3 can be quite a big transition for children and they are expected to become more independent so if you or your child have any concerns please don't hesitate to speak to us.



Homework

Children will be given homework on a **Friday** to be returned the following **Wednesday** unless stated otherwise.

It may be a piece of English or maths work, topic related. We would encourage children to be independent in these tasks. The work will be on aspects of the curriculum covered or to feed into work the following week.

If your child has problems with the homework, or is unable to complete it for whatever reason, let one of the team know and we will help in whatever way we can.



As always, if you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, please do not hesitate to speak to any one of us.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours

Miss Lacy, Miss Brazier, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Mitra and Mrs Murali