

# Guildhall Feoffment Community Primary School

## Year 3 Newsletter - Autumn 1

Welcome to a new school year to all parents and carers of our brand new Seals and Dolphins! Below is a summary of key points for this half term which we hope you'll find useful. Accompanying this will be a copy of our termly overview which includes more detail about this half term's curriculum and will hopefully serve as a useful guide to help you support your child with their learning at home. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to help your children achieve great things and make lasting memories of their time in Year 3. Mr Mashford & Mr Peters

### English

Recount and narrative writing using Stone Age Boy, a picture book by Satoshi Kitamura, as well as extracts from our class reader, Stig of the Dump by Clive King as a stimulus. Instruction writing further using Stone Age Boy as a stimulus, along with a variety of other information texts about Prehistoric Humans. We read the texts, identify features of the genre and then write our own. Our spellings and handwriting are linked to aid consolidation of spelling patterns. We work through phonic patterns and commonly misspelled words.

### Mathematics

Place value: Identifying, representing and estimating numbers. Recognising the value of each digit in a 3 digit number. Compare and ordering numbers to 1000. Reading and writing numbers in numerals and words. Solve problems.

Addition and subtraction: Add and subtract 3 digit numbers mentally. Begin to use the formal column written method for addition and subtraction. Estimate the answer and use the inverse to check the operations. Solve problems.

### Reading

We expect children in Year 3 to engage with reading at home regularly. Aiming for at least 3 times per week, we would like the children to practise reading aloud to an adult as well as reading independently. We shall be monitoring this by checking their reading journals each week on a Friday, so please sign these to prove they are getting regular reading practice at home. To help your child consolidate and improve their comprehension skills, please ask them questions about what they've read. We shall provide you with examples of the types of questions which will help them with this.

### Expectations-

**Uniform-** please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform each day, including appropriate school shoes and a jumper/cardigan. Please also make sure they bring a suitable coat/jacket for the weather as they do spend time outside for different learning opportunities and we would like them to be prepared for this.

**Jewellery-** earrings should be studs only and are not to be worn on PE days for safety. A wristwatch is okay but no smart-watches please. Necklaces, bracelets and rings are not permitted as part of school uniform policy.

**Snacks-** keep them healthy please to help fuel our learners' inquisitive minds. Fruit and cereal bars are great but chocolate, crisps, biscuits and cakes should be reserved for evenings and weekends at home.

**School readiness-** we provide equipment for your child to use in class so pencil cases are not needed, but we do expect them to remember to bring in their reading book and journal each day, remember their PE kits for PE days and their homework books to be returned when it is due.

### PE and Ballet information-

In Year 3 we are very lucky to be given lessons by the Royal Ballet School. These lessons will start w/b 18<sup>th</sup> September but each class will have their session on a different day:

Seals- Monday afternoons

Dolphins- Tuesday afternoons

These lessons count as our Indoor PE sessions, so please send the children in with their indoor kit on these days. Our outdoor PE sessions will be on Wednesday mornings. The children will need trainers for these sessions and a sweatshirt if it is cold.

Here are some useful websites that you may like to try at home to support your child's learning.

Letterjoin.co.uk

trockstars.com

sumdog.com

BBC Bitesize KS2History <https://cimuseums.org.uk/museumfromhome/> whiteroseeducation.com

### Year 3 Staff

#### Seal Class

Mr Mashford

Supported by

Ms Clement

Mrs Pittom

#### Dolphin Class

Mr Peters

Supported by

Mrs Howarth

### Autumn Term 2024 Key dates for your diary

4<sup>th</sup> Sept – PD Day

5<sup>th</sup> Sept- PD Day

6<sup>th</sup> Sept- Return to school

18<sup>th</sup> Sept- Royal Ballet lessons  
begin

4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Royal Ballet Showcase

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Stone Age Experience

w/b 21 Oct - Parents Evening week

w/b 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half Term break

### Homework:

Given out on Fridays, due on Wednesdays.

Each week, we shall provide homework in their homework book designed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Home reading should be recorded in your child's reading log book. We expect at least 3 home reading sessions per week.

Times Tables- use TTRS to practise your times tables. Little and often throughout the week is best for this!

### Class Dojo & the school's website:

Important messages (and awesome work) will be shared on Class Dojo so please check in with this regularly. Also, the school's website has been updated to include lots of important and useful information so please familiarise yourself with this as well.