



All Saints CEVC Primary School  
Lime Class - Autumn Term newsletter

## Welcome to Year 3!

Mrs Plummer and I are so pleased to welcome you back after what, I hope, has been a fantastic summer break! Many of the children returned on Friday, full of enthusiasm and stories about what they had been up to over the holidays. I hope they are all looking forward to a year full of exciting, challenging learning - with lots of fun along the way!

### Our morning routine

It can be daunting coming into a new classroom setting where everything is a little bit different. However, in Year 3 we continue to promote and further develop independence with the expectation that the children will soon be arriving, getting themselves ready and settling down to their morning task with minimal instruction. To help support this process, please could you ensure:

- School / PE bags and coats are left neatly in the cloakroom.
- Lunch boxes are left in the appropriate place outside the school hall. Please ensure your child knows if they are packed lunch or school dinner to avoid mistakes in the lunch register.
- Please only bring water bottles, reading books and logs into the classroom and place these in the appropriate boxes.

Each morning the children will have a 'Wide Awake Task' to complete quietly; instructions will be displayed on the Interactive Whiteboard.

### Important days to remember

PE - this term we will have outdoor PE on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure your child has appropriate school PE kit to be comfortable outside.

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**Homework** - this will be set every **Tuesday** and the children will be expected to hand in their completed homework the **following Monday**. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for handing their homework in on time. An optional homework club will run every Friday lunchtime in my classroom for those who need additional support. If you would like your child to attend, please speak to me after school.

**Spellings** - these are given out and tested every **Thursday** in your child's Spelling Book. Please ensure this comes back to school on a Thursday morning as we will need the book for the test. Spelling lessons take place three times a week where we focus on helpful strategies to practise spellings, however you can use any strategy that you feel comfortable with at home (e.g. Look, Cover, Write, Check).

**Times tables** - the National Curriculum stipulates that a child in Year 3 should be secure in recalling their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times tables. We will be focusing on these during our weekly (**Tuesday**) times table tests.

### Teacher cover

My PPA time will be on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The children will be taught ICT and French by Mrs Parsons, outdoor PE with Tom Bigg and RE with Mr Mison (Year 4 teacher). The children will be supported by our TA, Mrs Plummer every morning.

### Behaviour Expectations

As your child moves into Key Stage 2 they will be encouraged to make positive behaviour choices more independently. I reward positive behaviour such as a good attitude towards learning, kindness, following instructions, listening, consistent reading and spelling practise with 'Golden Tickets'. Children can earn these throughout the week to go into our class prize draw. Academic achievement and effort are rewarded with weekly certificates.

All the children have contributed suggestions towards our 'Class Charter'; a set of rules they have agreed to follow throughout the year.

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This document is available on the Lime Class webpage. Your support with reinforcing these expectations is greatly appreciated

### What are we learning this half term?

English	Maths	History	Science	PE	French
Narrative writing, instructions, harvest poetry	Place value, addition & subtraction	Early Britain: stone age to iron age	Human senses	Outdoor games Hockey	Bonjour Greetings, numbers 1-10, basic nouns
ICT	RE	Art	PSHE	Philosophy	Music
Searching and communicating safely online	Christianity	WWI class mural  3D art - Clay tiles	Family Networks	Amelia Ellicot's Garden  Exploring loneliness	Exploring animal sounds

The class' weekly timetable is available to download on the Lime Class webpage.

### Parent Involvement

As in previous years, your help with readers is greatly appreciated. Should you have the time to spare and would like to hear some daily readers, please speak to me after school to arrange this.

### Queries or concerns?

My door is always open when it comes to parents' questions or concerns. My aim is to get to know you all throughout the year and I believe a close working relationship is important to the progress of your child. Please do not hesitate to speak to me any day after school, or email the school office, if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Our Lime Class webpage is updated weekly with important reminders, as well as pictures of the children's learning. Please do check this regularly. All that's left to say is that I look forward to working with you and your child this coming year.

- Miss Leighfield