



# Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 1

## Literacy:

This term our key text is 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. The children will be writing narratives, letters, character descriptions and non-chronological reports based on this text. They will use a range of conjunctions, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs in their writing and will be introduced to headings and subheading.

## Numeracy:

At the start of this term the children will develop an understanding of the place value of numbers to 1000. They will read, write, order, compare and represent numbers to 1000 as well as starting to count in multiples of 50 and 100. Towards the middle of the term will be starting to add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers.

**Year 3**  
Unit: What would it be like to live in a world of darkness?  
Miss Cioffi and Mrs Coombs

## Computing:

In our computing lessons the children be learning about networks and servers.

## Music:

The children will explore tuned percussion in a South African theme this term to develop their rhythmic, singing and notation skills.

## Helping at home:

Children need to read for 20 minutes every night and record what they have read in their reading record book. Now that the children are in KS2, we encourage them to fill in the green book themselves but always welcome parent comments.

By the end of Year 3, the children should know and be able to quickly recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10-times table. To help them achieve this target they will be given a log in for Times Table Rockstars (TTR). I will be encouraging the children to complete 20 minutes on TTR each week and will check this on a Friday. A spelling sheet will also be handed out on a Friday, due back the following Friday.

**R.E:**  
How would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?

**PSHE:**  
We will be following the school scheme - Heartsmart. We will reflect on how the choices we make can help or hurt our own hearts and others.

## Wider Curriculum:

This term in science the children will be learning about light. They will name sources and reflectors of light, understand how shadows are formed and observe how shadows change. In geography the children will learn about how light and darkness varies around the world, with a specific focus on Norway. They will have the opportunity to work creatively in DT when making their own lamp and in art when sketching and shading using the Chiaroscuro technique.

P.E is on Monday (OAA) and Friday (Dance). Please remember to send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days. Please could the children keep a pair of wellies in a bag in their locker so that we are able to make full use of the outside area, even if its muddy.