



## Reminders:

A reminder that due to limited space in the new classrooms, children can only bring in the following items:

- a drawstring bag for their PE kit
- a school book bag for their reading book, reading record and snack
- A lunch box (if packed lunch)
- Coat and water bottle

Please remember that all children should wear school uniform, as outlined on the website. This includes no jewellery or nail varnish and black school shoes (no trainers).

In addition, the correct PE kit must be worn for PE sessions (see school website). PE kits should remain in school for the half term.

Toast money is to be sent in an envelope or sandwich bag with your child's name on Mondays.

# Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Newsletter Date: 16th September 2016

It was lovely to welcome the children into Year 3. They are settling in well and are excited to begin learning new and exciting things.

Our topic this half term is titled, 'Who is the greatest hero?'

We are particularly interested in quest stories where a hero (girl or boy) leaves home in search of something.

## Our Learning

In maths, we will be focusing on place value, addition, subtraction and word problems. To challenge children we will ask them to:

- Verbally explain mathematical thinking in their own words
- Draw a picture or diagram to communicate what they have done
- Continue to explore without prompting

In English, we will be developing our use of conjunctions to extend our ideas. We will also look at how using adverbial phrases for when, where and how, to begin sentences, can improve our writing.

In science we will learn how forces and magnets work; plan tests, record predictions and make observations.

We will make maps and use atlases in geography.

## Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays and it is due in by the following Thursday.

Maths and English will be set each week.

Science/Project will occasionally be sent on Fridays and will replace Maths for that week.

Spellings: there will be 10 words each week and the children will be tested on the following Thursday.

Home Learning: once each half term (there will be no other homework the week it is set.)

In Year 3, children are expected to know the 3, 4 and 8 times tables including division facts. Please practise these at home each week.

Please read with your child 3 times each week and complete their reading record to say that they have read.

Children who have not handed in their homework on time or read three times will attend homework club during Thursday lunchtime.