



## Asia Class Newsletter

Dear Families,

Here we are, another school year with many exciting plans and things to learn ahead of us. We are so happy to be teaching the children again as it really feels like we've come back and just picked up where we left off, with our new Year 3 expectations firmly in place. Our teaching team consists of: Miss Wyatt, Mrs Noble, Miss Briggs, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Howe, Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Bowers.

We are beginning our Asian adventure by focusing on India – we will be exploring the diverse culture, geography and human and physical features of this amazing country. We will also be focusing some of our studies around the Hindu festival of Diwali, which falls in October. It should be a brilliant place to start our journey.

We always love to enhance our learning in class with trips, visitors and focus days, and if you have any specialist knowledge or skills relating to Asia, or India in particular, please do get in touch about sharing these with the class, as we'd love to hear all about it!

## English

In English, our focus story is called 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'. An extremely funny tale which lends itself well to learning about similes, onomatopoeia and alliteration. During spelling, the children will be looking into how prefixes change the meanings of words such as un-, in- and dis-. We will also begin learning how to spell the Y3 spelling words and continue to practice the Y1/2 spelling lists. In our Guided Reading lessons, the children will be spending time not just reading a range of texts but also going deeper into a text as we discover new language, understand why the author has written this way, ask questions of stories and use the text to answer questions. The children will have the opportunities to build on their expression, fluency and confidence with their reading and enjoy some reading for pleasure too.

## Maths

We begin our Year 3 Power Maths lessons, focusing on building a really good understanding of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing whole numbers this term. We will be ramping up the times table practise and Times Table Rock Stars logins will be sent home for children to access the programme in their own time too. The more they practise, they better they'll get so please assist your children in accessing this as much as they can.

## Science

This year, our Science lessons will be taught weekly. We will be beginning our scientific explorations by looking at Living Things, specifically exploring food chains and classifying animals into different groups (for example; mammals, reptiles, vertebrates, invertebrates... the list goes on!) which is always fascinating to discover more about.

## PE

PE this term will be taught on a Monday by Mr Taylor and Miss Wyatt and a Thursday by Mrs Noble. On a Monday, the children will be outdoors playing different invasion and ball games. On a Thursday, Mrs Noble will be focusing on mindfulness, meditation and yoga (finding our inner Zen). Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather on PE days, as we do head outside come rain or shine.

## Journey of Discovery

We are really looking forward to our journey through India this term. The title for this topic is 'Investigating India'. The children will be studying some Hindi, discovering the Taj Mahal, creating rangoli patterns, dancing to Bollywood, hopefully tasting some Indian cuisine and much more. We will also be exploring physical features and landscapes in depth, paying particular attention to mountain ranges and rivers in Asia.

## RE, Music, PSHE, One World and Philosophy

All of these brilliant lessons will continue through fun and practical ways to help us learn and navigate the world around us. We will have two more RE days before the end of July. Both days will ask the children a BIG question where they will explore 'What Christians mean when they talk about the kingdom of God?' and 'What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with G-d?'. The children will continue to learn some musical skills on the glockenspiels while enjoying some Indian music. Our PSHE follows the SCARF curriculum which can be found on the school website. We will be starting with 'Me and My Relationships'. Our weekly Spanish lessons with Mrs Kirby will also continue on Monday afternoons too.

Please take the time to read through the rest of this letter as it is full of friendly and helpful reminders of day to day things.

As always, if you do have questions, ideas or would like to know more then please do come and say. We are always happy to see you at drop off, collection or via email and telephone. Thank you so, so much for all of your support and kindness. We are looking forward to continuing our journey around Asia with you by our sides.

The Year 3 Teaching Team 😊

To help your child with our learning this half term, it would be great if you could;

- Read as many wonderful books as possible
- Practice your 2x, 5x and 10x timestables. This includes the division.
- Practice reading and writing numbers to 100 such as 576 or 339 etc.
- Keep practising spellings.

### Key Diary Dates

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September – after school clubs begin

1<sup>st</sup> October – Individual photos

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Harvest Festival at St Giles Church, Risby (10.30-11.30am)

20<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parent Consultations

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Join Our Journey (2.30-3.30, more details to follow)

24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term

### *October half term*

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Back to school

14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

10<sup>th</sup> December – Y2/3 Nativity (2pm)

11<sup>th</sup> December – Y2/3 Nativity (9.30am)

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

17<sup>th</sup> December – Risby Christmas Day

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Service at St Giles (10.30am-11.30am)

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

### *Christmas holidays*

5<sup>th</sup> January – PD Day

6<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school

## Reminders...

Names - Please name everything clearly that comes into school.

PE - No earrings, hair up and correct uniform please.

Dojo - Make sure you check dojo regularly for photos and updates both from Asia Class and Mrs Miller.

Snack - In Year 3, the children are asked to bring in their own fruit or vegetable snack to enjoy while we read an exciting book together. This can be anything from apples, oranges, apricots to mushrooms, peppers and carrot sticks etc.

Water bottles and warmer clothing - both are needed and also need to be named too. With cooler weather on it's way, and our unpredictable Great British climate, please ensure children are prepared to go outside in all weathers every day. We still head outdoors at break time even if it's raining, so waterproof jackets or coats are essential.

## Reading

Please encourage your child to at least read to you or another adult for at least 10 minutes a day.

Whatever book your child chooses to read whether its one from school or from their own home library, could we ask that it is noted down in the orange reading logs. It doesn't have to be a lengthy comment if you don't want it to be.

