



*'Being Better Every Day'*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2**

The children did fantastically well learning about prehistoric Britain and we hope that that they enjoy our next unit of work in the same way. We are excited to share our second curriculum newsletter of the school year. We are looking forward to learning all about Settlements this term.

In **Term 2**, our unit title remains '**Changing Ages**'. There is a big focus on **Geography** in this unit.

*In this unit, we will be learning about why people may settle where they do. We will think about what natural resources are and why they are important. We will learn about different types of settlements and find examples of them in our local area.*

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question:

**'Why do people settle where they do?'**



(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the unit; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

### **Home Learning Project**

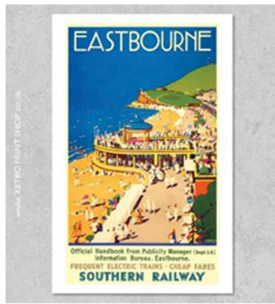
For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this unit we have listed possible ideas below.

- Create an information leaflet about our settlement, Eastbourne. The leaflet needs to make people want to visit or move to Eastbourne. Make sure it looks bright and colourful.
- Look around your home to see if you can find some materials (e.g. empty boxes,

coloured paper, tissue or use your imagination) to create a map of the U.K.

- Make a model of your own home or your dream home.
- Draw pictures to compare 3 types of settlement. (hamlet, village, town, city, port)

Alternatively, your child may want to do something completely different! Your child may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project – either is fine and we look forward to see them.



We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

#### **Useful Websites:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4/articles/zrbvjhv>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk> <http://projectbritain.com/britain.html>

<https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/settlement-geography>

<https://kidadl.com/articles/settlements-ks2-explained-for-parents>

Home learning projects should be completed by the **week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

#### **Reading**

The children have been really enjoying our 'Destination Reader' work in class. Our next shared book will be 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. Please continue to encourage daily reading and home reading records can be brought in and will be signed once a week.

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 3, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of **20 minutes** every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record.

## Homework

Additionally we would like the children to be practising their times tables every day. They all have an individual account for **Times Table Rock Stars** which they are expected to use to support them. The aim is for the children to increase the children's confidence as well as providing fun ways to practice. The children should spend about **15** minutes on their times tables each day. A menu of optional termly homework tasks will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

## PE

Your child can continue to wear their PE kit to school on the day when they are timetabled to have PE. Our PE lessons will take place on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Jogging bottoms rather than shorts may be worn as the weather turns colder.

We hope your child has settled well into Y3 and is enjoying being back at school.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Jeffery

Year 3 Teacher

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