Hoddlesden St Paul's Church of England Primary School

Year 3

Autumn 1 Newsletter

As God's family, together we achieve

This half term, our British Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Tolerance.**

This half term, our Christian Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Generosity**.

Welcome To Year 3!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer and made the most of the lovely weather we had (at least most of the time!). The children are now ready to begin their journey into Key Stage 2 and I am both excited and privileged to be working alongside them for another year. I hope they are looking forward to settling into our new classroom and tackling some fantastic learning opportunities ahead.

This half term, our whole-school topic is **Native Narratives**. The curriculum has been carefully planned to deepen the children's understanding of the cultural heritage of Africa, while also building on their previous learning from Key Stage 1. In **Geography**, our main focus will be on climate and weather around the world. The children will complete a report exploring the climate of Africa and the impact of climate change. In **Art & Design**, we will study sculpture, experimenting with different techniques to join materials together. In **Science**, our topic is Rocks, where we will investigate their properties and uses. In **English**, we will be exploring The Fire Children, a rich creation myth, supported by Akimbo and the Elephants, a wonderful story set in Africa. In **French**, the children will continue their language journey with Madame Wardle. This term's **PE** focus is Gymnastics with Mrs Winward, our specialist teacher. You are warmly invited to our showcase on 20.10.25 at 1.30pm. If you're unable to attend, don't worry as we'll share a video of the performance on Seesaw.

We are also very excited to be leading a class worship in October showcasing our **RE** learning about Harvest, which we will share at church alongside Year 1. More details will follow, but please do save the date in your diaries.

I will be updating the school website weekly to keep you informed about our learning journey and to celebrate the children's achievements. I'll also be sharing highlights via Seesaw and would love to see examples of the children's learning from home too.

Thank you for your continued support. I'm looking forward to another wonderful year of learning together!

Kind regards,
Mrs Harrison

Reminders

-Please can **ALL children** bring their **book bag, reading pack, reading book and reading record into school each day.**
-Please **read at home** with your child as much as possible **(at least 3 times a week) and record this in their reading record.**
-Children will have weekly **spelling, maths, bedrock and theme learning tasks.** Don't forget **TT Rockstars!**
-Reading books will be changed on a **Monday and a Thursday.**
-Children can bring a **bottle of water** into school each day.
-Please ensure your **child's clothing is clearly labelled** with their name to avoid lost uniform.

Sports Days

This half term, the **Year 3 P.E. lessons** are on **Tuesday and Thursday.**
Please ensure children come to school in their **sports uniform on these days.**

Key Dates

Wednesday 10th September – Life Education visit
Wednesday 10th September – Science Show
Monday 15th September- Meet the teacher
Thursday 25th September- Flu Vaccines
Friday 26th September- MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday 29th September- Dance Syndrome Workshop
Thursday 2nd October- Spirituality Afternoon (vision)
Monday 6th October- OAL with Wild One Adventures
Friday 10th October- Hello Yellow (wear yellow for Young Minds)
Sunday 12th October- Year 1 & 3 in Church
Monday 13th October- Year 1 & 3 class worship
Monday 13th October- Road Safety Talk
Wb 20th October- behaviour treat
Monday 20th October- DACA music concert

Texts to support your child's learning this term

The Lorax by Dr. Suess
Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway and Jude Daly
Ready Steady Mo by Mo Farah and Kes Gray

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