



## Class Three Newsletter – 24.11.17

### This Week...

The children have been comparing animals for their fable and have learnt the word 'personification' in preparation for writing their own stories next week. They have been planning their new plot sequence and have made animal fact files to increase their knowledge of character. They are a very inquisitive group of children and loved exploring penguins. Did you know that penguins can be found in Australia and South Africa as well as the more commonly known destination of Antarctica? In Maths, we are continuing with multiplication and are discovering that, by using our known number facts, we actually are able to solve most calculations up to  $12 \times 12$ ! We have been learning the formal method for solving large multiplications such as  $24 \times 9$ . In our RE, the children have been discussing how the physical presence of Jesus had an impact on various people such as Zaccheus. They also started painting their interpretations of 'The Adoration of the Shepherds'. Mrs Morris has been continuing to build up excitement for Christmas through her History and Art topics!

The children have finished their assessments this week by doing a Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test. Grammar is a large focus in Class 3 and I was really pleased with the results; the children recognise many different word groups and know when and where to use tools such as speech marks. The spelling in class is weaker and the children need to practise these as regularly as possible both in school and at home. Please refer to the spelling lists that were given out at Parents' Evening. I have spare copies for anybody who would like one.

When helping your child with spellings at home, please encourage them to continue using phonics for unfamiliar words - this is appropriate all the way through primary school.

### Forward Notice

A reminder of some of the Christmas events, so they can be in your diary.

Fri 8th Dec: Pantomime visit to Aladdin.

Tue 12th Dec: Christmas Fayre from 3:30 - 5:00pm

Thur 14th Dec: KS2 Christmas Production at 6pm

Mon 18th Dec: KS2 Christmas party and Christmas dinner

Tues 19th Dec: KS1 Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm

### Special News!

#### Christian Value Certificate - Truthfulness

Millie Littlewood for showing honesty and truth at all times.

#### Curriculum Certificate -

George Keating for making a super effort with his History work this week.

#### Writer of The Week

Henry Thompson for extending his learning about penguins.

### Next Week...

The children will be writing their own fable based on the plan that they have formulated this week. They will be expected to use the adverbs that we have been practising and write in paragraphs. In our maths work, the children will be looking at division, both mental and written methods. Our Science will focus on the skeleton and how it supports our body. We will also look at endoskeletons and exoskeletons and identify animals which have these characteristics. In our RE work, we shall be looking at the work of The Salvation Army and the way that they demonstrate the presence of God through their invaluable work.