

# **Class 3 Newsletter**



Autumn Term - 17.1.20

#### This Week...

We have been testing our scientific skills this week with a series of challenges involving bulbs, switches and batteries. The children really enjoyed investigating, and learnt a lot to take into the remaining Science lessons on electricity. We have been learning how to improve our writing by using strategies such as personification, similes and powerful adjectives. Some of their descriptive writing was incredible – it actually moved me to tears! The children have been working really hard on fractions, finding out how to calculate fractions of amounts, including tricky fractions such as 2/5 and 3/8.

# **Next Week...**

We will continue with fractions including adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. The children will continue sharing The Firework Maker's Daughter and their English activities will relate to the text and applying the story model to their own writing. In our music, the children are learning about the song, 3 Little Birds by Bob Marley and are enjoying practising their own version. In our RE work we shall continue looking at how singing plays an important role in worship, helping Christians around the world to share their love of God.

### **Important Dates**

- 20<sup>th</sup> January Year 3 Bible Presentations @ 9.15am **Parents are welcome to attend**
- 20<sup>th</sup> January PTA Meeting @ 3.30pm All welcome
- 21st January Compassion Sponsor a Child Y6 Cake sale (Last term, three Year 6 children went to the Compassion Experience and delivered a very inspirational worship for the whole school. We are holding a cake sale next Tuesday 21st January to raise money so we can sponsor a child through this incredible charity. Our target is £100, which will sponsor a child for 4 months.)
- 22nd January Year 3/4 Cookery Club Session 2 3.30pm 4.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> February NSPCC Maths Day Details to follow
- 14<sup>th</sup> February School closes for half term at 3.15pm
- **Tuesday** 25<sup>th</sup> February School Re-opens @8.55am
- Thursday 2nd April Easter Celebration @10am all welcome

# Our Christian Value this week is THANKFULNESS



Please ensure that your child has their PE bag in school containing the full kit of plain white t-shirt, black shorts and well-fitting pumps Book bags must be in school every day. Please encourage your child to hand in any money or letters as we don't check bags every day. Thank you

#### **Homework**

When setting homework for Class 3, I am very mindful of the fact that, as families, we all lead increasingly busy lives and time spent together is so important to helping our children, and ourselves, develop good mental health and wellbeing. Therefore, I set very manageable amounts of homework which hopefully includes a more creative fun element in the half termly project. It is very obvious that there are some children who are not engaging at all with their homework, they don't bring homework back into school, are losing homework books and are unable to achieve fully in activities such as spelling tests or shared reading. Please encourage your child to complete their homework (including regular reading) as part of their routine - it is really beneficial and helps with self-esteem as well as having academic benefits. Feel free to come and have a chat if you have any problems or concerns regarding this.

#### **Special News!**

Curriculum & Christian Value Awards –
Kayla and Matthew

**Writer of the Week** 

Kara