

# *FOUNTAINS'*

# *NEWSLETTER.*

We would like to say a big welcome to the year 2 children and parents and a big welcome back to the year 3s.

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you what will be happening in Fountains during the first half term.

The children will need PE kits in school on a Monday and Thursday. On a Monday afternoon the children will be doing forest school activities with Mrs Wells and Mr Haughton so as the weather changes they may need to bring more substantial kit and waterproofs! Year 3s will begin swimming on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

We will change reading books for year 2s on a Monday and Thursday. Year 3 children are encouraged to change their own books when necessary.

## Homework

Spellings will be given out on a Monday beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. We do work on these spellings in class but children are also encouraged to take them home to learn. We do a test every Monday. Times tables will be given out on a Friday (starting 14<sup>th</sup> September) and a times table test will take place on the following Friday. Children will bring home reading comprehension homework

each Wednesday (starting 12<sup>th</sup> September) to be in the following Wednesday.

Our topic for this half term will be **Adventures at sea**; this will include looking at the voyages of Christopher Columbus and work on South America and rainforests.

In **English** we will begin by looking at **Stories with familiar settings**. The year 2 focus will be sentence structure and punctuation. The year 3 focus will be on paragraphing and using speech punctuation.

In **Maths** we will look at **place value and calculations** using 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. We really encourage children to learn their times tables as they help in many aspects of mathematics. Year 2s need to work on 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. Year 3s should be moving on to 3s, 4s and 8 times tables.

Our **science** topic will be Animals including humans for year 2s and year 3s. Year 2s will be finding out about the basic needs for survival. Year 3s will be learning about the skeleton and muscles in humans and animals.

In **RE** the initial topics will be **Harvest and Creation stories**.

Our teaching assistant this year will be Mrs Marshall.

We hope your children will enjoy their time in our class. If there is anything you wish to discuss please pop in and see us after school.

Here's to a fun and happy half term.

Mrs Wells and Ms Gauder

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