

## Class 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2024

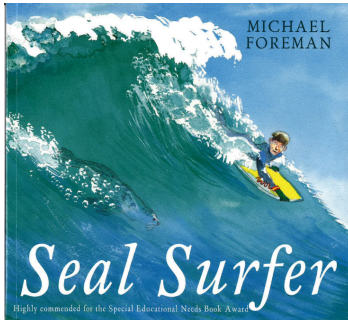
Welcome back Class 3 and a big welcome to our new team members too! It's lovely to see some familiar faces and to get to know new faces too. The class are settling very well into the new term; they are full of enthusiasm and are working hard. I have been so impressed with them all and know they will all achieve great things this year. We have an exciting new topic 'The Mayan Empire' which will underpin much of our work.



### Maths

This term, after recapping some key maths skills from last year, we will be focusing on Place Value. We will learn about the value of the digits of numbers up to 10,000 including how to represent these numbers in different ways, how to partition them and compare them. Then we will move onto column addition then column subtraction and 2, 4, 8 times tables.

Alongside our main maths lessons we will have daily factual fluency sessions which will focus on embedding key number facts and times tables to a level where children can instantly recall them. Why not ask your child which facts they're focusing on this week and quiz them as extra practice at home?



### English

Our reading work is focused on 'Seal Surfer' by Michael Foreman which links to our writing topic. We will explore the book in depth, focussing on vocabulary, and developing skills of inference. We will also read several other stories for enjoyment as a class, starting with 'Sam Wu is not afraid of the dark'. We will be writing for a variety of purposes and audiences this term and developing editing skills. Our grammar and punctuation focuses will include using expanded noun phrases, speech and fronted adverbials - amongst others.

After half term we will be focusing on 'Leon and the Place Between' by Graham Baker-Smith and writing a diary recount.

### Science

In science we will be learning all about Electricity. We will be making circuits and exploring how they work. After half term we will be exploring Living things in their habitats. Throughout our science lessons we will learn key skills that make us brilliant scientists including setting up our own tests, making predictions and interpreting results from experiments we have carried out.

### History and Geography

Our history focus is The Mayan Civilisation. We will explore everyday Mayan life, their rituals and beliefs and their legacy. We will also look at the timeline of key events.

After half term we will then move on to our geography topic of What are rivers and how are they formed? We will be looking at the water cycle, how they are formed and lastly we will look at local rivers.

### RE

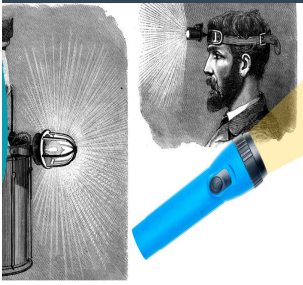
We will begin with learning about God's people.

After half term we will widen our knowledge of why do people pray? including Christianity Islam and Hinduism.



### French

We will begin by learning about different greetings before learning adjectives of colour, size and shape.



### **Art and DT**

We will be making our own torches in DT (please bring in a crisp tube). We will use our Scientific knowledge of circuits to help us light them up! After half term we will be studying Drawing: Growing artists

### **Computing**

We are very lucky to have ChromeBooks in class. Every child has their own and they are responsible for it. Already the children are getting to grips with them and we have been exploring how to use them to support learning across the curriculum. Mr Moss will teach computing every other Wednesday and will start with delivering online safety lessons.

### **PSHE**

We will be spending time discussing setting ground rules and signposting. We will then think about family and relationships. Alongside this we will have regular opportunities to think about our own wellbeing and how to be safe both in and out of school.

### **Music**

Every week this term we will take part in guitar lessons - we are very lucky that the whole class is able to take part in this every Thursday afternoon.

### **PE**

This term we will be developing our football skills with Mr Cass. Mr Cass will also be teaching a PE lesson on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure children wear PE kits on both of those days.

## **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME**

- **Daily reading is really important to build up reading stamina and increase fluency and accuracy. Whilst we read in class on a daily basis, please encourage your child to read at home too.**
- **Login details for TTRS, Spelling Shed, Power Maths, and Bug Club are in the children's planners. Children are encouraged to access these fun websites at home to practise various skills. TTRS in particular is invaluable to support the learning and retention of times tables in years 3 and 4, please encourage regular practice.**
- **Spellings will be set online and we ask you to practise these with your child 3x a week. Spelling Shed can be used to practise these using different games but it is also useful to practise these in context by writing them out in sentences.**

**Please ensure your child brings in their water bottle, planner, reading record and books daily!**

**Keep an eye out for information about our school trip.**

**As always, please do get in touch via email or phone and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.  
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