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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to Year 3 and Key Stage 2.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are very much looking forward to the start of a new school year.

# WELCOME

We have so many things to look forward to this term and this letter is designed to give you an overview of our learning. Please remember that you are welcome to email or contact me via Seesaw if you have any questions or concerns. In partnership, we will support your child to learn and flourish!

## Our Learning

Each learning experience will start with a hook and finish with an end goal. The steps towards our end goal are carefully planned and personalised to enable your child to make good progress.

Our first two weeks will be spent getting to know one another, establishing routines and expectations and learning about each other. We will be writing a narrative based on a super story called The Secret of Black Rock. This will help the children to learn how to take part in writing workshops, gain confidence and get back to writing!



## **Let the Force be with you! Forces and Magnets!**

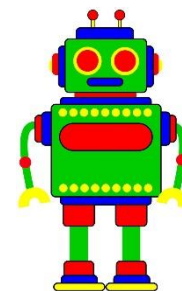
Our first science learning experience!

I am very much hoping the children will be up to the task of developing some exciting new magnetic games and activities on the theme of Magnetism! We will be learning about how forces act and how

magnets work in order to make their own games! The children will write an explanation to explain how their game works and the science involved in it.

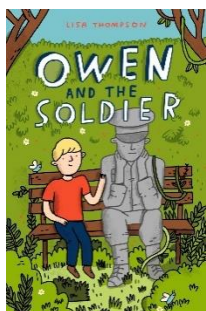
### **Robots**

In our fantastic learning experience about programming, we will be creating robotic pets. The children will use our Lego Wedo kits to create programmable pets before persuading you to purchase one!



### **Our Whole School Art Week**

Look out for further details coming home soon! This colour themed whole school experience will be a super opportunity for the Elephants to get very creative!



### **Owen and the Soldier**

After half term we will be using a super book by Lisa Thompson which will support our learning on Remembrance. This will lead to creating poetry which we will send to local Veterans as part of our commitment to making the world a better place to be.

### **Rocks and Soils**

Our second science experience will lead us to creating an amazing rock and fossil museum which we will invite other classes too! Each steps of our learning will build up own knowledge to become expert museum and make exhibits, quizzes and activities for our exciting pop-up museum.



### **Core areas of the curriculum**

#### **Maths**

We will get started straight away by developing our knowledge of 3 digit place value! We will place two and three-digit numbers on a line; order and compare three-digit numbers; understand place value in three-digit numbers and finally understand and use place value with money. This will build a firm foundation for us to them move on to addition and subtraction.

Ensuring the children are confident in procedural methods is vital alongside secure number skills. These include knowing number bonds, times tables, double and halves etc, therefore we will have daily skills practice in class. We are also asking parents to support us in helping your child to work on their times tables **daily**. I will explain this more in our meeting on Wednesday.

#### **Whole Class Reading**

Each day we will work on our reading comprehension skills as we study a new chapter of set whole class texts. As you already know, the first of these is The Magic Finger, followed by The Iron Man. The children read chapters in pairs, as a class or alongside myself reading aloud, then together we find answers to the questions posed.

To develop the children's fluency, they read their own books levelled at their current stage. It is vital that your child reads aloud to you **every day at home** in order that they make the progress that they are capable of. We have a book change box in the classroom which we ask children to use when they need to change their reading book.

We have a very exciting author visit this term. Watch out for exciting news coming very soon!

## **Writing**

This term we will write in a range of genres starting with adventure story narratives, non-fiction explanation and then persuasion. Our grammar and punctuation learning will recap the skills taught in Year 2, as well as new concepts taught this year.



Daily work on our spellings will ensure the children become more confident writers.

We ask you to support us with this by helping your child with their weekly spelling tasks set as homework. I will explain this further at our meeting.

## **PE**



Please remember to have your kit in school every day! Trainers are essential. Remember a warm jumper for cooler days too. We love working with Curtis who is continuing to work with us this year on a Wednesday and a Thursday.

We will swim on a Tuesday from next week. The children will attend after lunch and will need a swim hat, goggles, a towel and suitable swim wear.

As you can see, we have a very busy term ahead! If you have any questions, please do note them down ready for our meeting on Wednesday.

Very best wishes

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