

Autumn Newsletter 2

Welcome back! We're excited to begin our next half term in Year 3.

Below you will find some useful information as we begin the half term.

Curriculum

Our theme for this half term is **Mexico**, which will inspire much of our learning leading up to Christmas.



Subjects taught weekly

Maths	Calculating and Shape
English	Midnight Feasts- Tasty Poems chosen by AF Harrold
Science	Animals including humans
PE	Games and Dance
RE	Islam
PSHE	Celebrating Difference
Music	Chair drumming

Subjects taught within our topic lessons

Computing	Email
Design	Food
Geography & History	Mexico and The Maya Civilisation

Reading

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. Please continue to read at home every day and sign your child's reading record. We have class incentives and rewards for lots of reading at home, including extra Dojo points. Your child may wish to read by themselves, but it is also important for them to read their reading book aloud to an adult. We are encouraging children to re-read shorter books in order to improve fluency and comprehension. Next week, the children will complete the Star Reader test for Accelerated Reader.

Also, we are encouraging children to borrow library books and a 'Book of the Month'. These are not books that your child will necessarily be able to read fluently, but they are useful for sharing stories together and having discussions.

Homework

On Mondays, please continue to look out for our homework on Class Dojo. Thank you for all the homework sent in last half term. The children loved showing their peers their work. Our homework is aimed to encourage the children to talk to you at home about their learning.

Spellings:

We test the children on the government suggested words for Year 3. We will be testing them in late December. These are the spellings to learn this term:

accidentally, actually, address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain

Uniform

As part of the KS2 uniform policy, pupils are expected to wear a tie every day (apart from PE days). Please practise how to tie a tie with your child. Please see the attached Uniform guide on the next page.

Cinema Trip

We will be going on a cinema trip this half term. You will receive a separate letter about this with all of the relevant information.

Dates

Reading café- Every Friday 7.11.25, 14.11.25, 21.11.25, 28.11.25, 5.12.25, 12.5.25
14.11.25 Children in need – non uniform day
27.11.25- Cinema trip
15.12.25 KS2 Christmas Party- Non- uniform
19.12.25- Christmas Service in the church. Last day of term
06.1.26 Back to School.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Miss Willingham and Mrs Adams, Mrs Bannister and Mrs Dorrington.





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A Guide to our School Uniform

Pupils should choose their uniform from the items shown below. Clothing should be appropriate for the weather but there are no separate winter / summer guidelines. Uniform is not restricted by gender. For example, girls may wear trousers and boys may wear cardigans.

All year groups



<p>EYFS / Key Stage 1 Reception Years 1 & 2</p>  <p>Pale blue polo shirt.</p>	<p>Key Stage 2 Years 3 - 6</p>  <p>Pale blue shirt with a St Matthew's school tie.</p>	<p>PE kit Years 1 - 6</p> 
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Coats should ideally be black or navy (although this is not compulsory). They should be warm, waterproof and have a hood if possible. Thank you for following these guidelines.