

# Year 3 newsletter Summer 2

**WELCOME BACK!** I hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term and have made the most of the beautiful weather! Last term, year 3 worked extremely hard and I am looking forward to our last half term together. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to discuss anything. My email is [Philippa.lovett@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:Philippa.lovett@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk) or you can contact me via Dojo.

**Our learning project title for this half term is A Wild Adventure! It's a brilliant topic which I know the children will enjoy. Below is what the children will learn over the half term.**

**ENGLISH** - This term we will be reading a fictional text called The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs. This will be our main text this term and will eventually feed into their published piece of writing for this unit. The final piece of writing will be a newspaper article. We will also read various fiction and non-fiction texts in guided reading. Furthermore, we will cover a story called The Firework-Maker's Daughter, this story is set in Ancient China which fits in beautifully with our History topic.

**MATHS**—Measurement-Time, Geometry– Properties of shape, Measurement Mass and Capacity, Perimeter and Area. We will also cover column addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to learn our times tables and use them to problem solve. We will also recap place value 100,10s,1s and money.

**SCIENCE** – This term we will explore and investigate the functions and purpose of plants. We will learn about the way in which water is transported within the plant and the life cycle of flowering plants including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

**HISTORY** – To research the Ancient civilisation of Shang Dynasty and evaluate the legacy of the Shang Dynasty.

**ART and DT** – We will design and make a Chinese clay dragon. We will also explore the willow pattern and terracotta warriors. Also we will prepare and cook Chinese food.

**RE** - In Religious Education we will be exploring the religion Islam and what it means to be a Muslim.

**SPANISH** -This term we will focus on food and recapping the colours we learnt last term.

**MUSIC** - Mr Williams will continue to visit and teach the children Music. Year 3 enjoyed his visits last term and I am sure they will continue to do so.

**COMPUTING** – Use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

**PSHE** - Me and my relationships.

**PE** – Compose and perform music to accompany a Chinese Lion Dance. Learn the Chinese Lion dance or some Tai Chi.

**OUTDOOR LEARNING is on Thursday.** Please ensure your child has a change of footwear. If you want them to wear over trousers and a different coat, they may bring these on Mondays.  
**PE will continue to be on a Wednesday.** Your child should come to school in their PE kit.

**HOMEWORK.** Homework should be submitted weekly on Dojo. I don't mind which day your child submits their homework as long as they produce one piece per week. If they want to tackle some homework in more of a project based way, doing a bit each week, that's fine; post what they've done each week.  
Your child should be reading, working on their times tables and learning their spellings daily. New spelling lists will be put on Dojo each Friday and will be tested the following Friday. If your child is working on individualised spellings with Mrs Fawcett, I will privately message you on Dojo with your child's new spelling list each Friday.  
If your child's reading book needs changing, they should bring the book to school on Mondays along with their green reading record.

**DOJO** will continue to be my primary route of communication so please ensure you're checking regularly for messages, reminders, updates and news. So you don't miss anything. You can also use the messages function to contact me directly. As always, if your message is urgent or has a direct impact on your child's day i.e. someone else is picking them up, please let me know on the door.

### **HOMEWORK IDEAS**

- Write a fact file about Shang Dynasty and the Great Wall of China.
- Explore the Chinese culture, what does the Chinese dragon represent? Find out about the Willow pattern.
- Create your own dragon and willow pattern.
- Draw and label the parts of a flowering plant. What do plants need to survive? Why do we need plants to survive?
- Create your own newspaper article about something exciting. What could your newspaper headline be?
- Write your own story set in China. Describe the setting and the characters.
- Write your own Chinese menu or look up a Chinese recipe and have a go at making some Chinese food.
- Practise x tables- 2,5,10,3,4 and 8. This will help in all areas of Maths especially with fractions and problem solving.
- Find where China is on the map and look at the capital of China, Beijing. Compare China to the UK. What are the similarities and differences?
- Write a travel guide for visiting China, use persuasive language to get people to visit.