

# How can you help your child at home?

## Reading

Reading regularly with your child is invaluable. This includes questioning your child on what they have read. We expect the children to read at home at least three times a week.

## P.E.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled PE kit in school at all times, including outdoor trainers/daps as the children will have PE outside as long as the weather conditions are dry. Lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## Times tables

Rapid recall of times tables and the related division facts will help your child's learning in many different areas of maths. This could be done through games, songs or questioning. Please come to see us if you would like some tips with this.

## Visit the classroom

You are welcome to come into the class to see your child's book and share in their learning when you drop them off in the morning or after school. We would love to see you!

## Dates for your diary

20th September—Meet the teacher at 2.45pm  
28th September—Where the Wild Things Are day  
Harvest festival—TBC  
18th October—Term 1 ends  
30th October—Term 2 begins

## Help needed!

We welcome parents, grandparents or other adults to come and listen to the children read. We will occasionally need help for school trips and visits in the local area.

# Up, up and away!



# Year 3 Newsletter Autumn Term 1

## English

Our overriding topic is up, up and away to celebrate the launch of our lovely new building.

Narrative writing will form the focus of this term's work and we will explore different aspects of this genre (character, setting, openings etc) in detail.



## Science

To kick start our science topic the children will be planting a mystery bean seed, linking our science with James' giant peach. The children will be planning their own experiments to find out which factors affects the germination of a seed. They will also be exploring how water is transported through a plant as well as learning about the different parts of a flowering plant.



## Maths

During the first term we will focus on place value of two and three digit numbers (including ordering, estimating and rounding) before tackling more complex addition and subtraction. Practising number facts at home will help the children no end.



## Topic

History will form the bulk of this term's topic work. The children will be finding out about the Wright brothers and their historic flight. We will also be finding out about Amelia Earhart and comparing her contribution to history with that of the Wright brothers. We will be finding out how aeroplanes have changed over time.



## Other lessons

ART—We will be working on a class 3D project with clay and other modelling materials. Our 2D work will be inspired by the work of Paul Klee.

MUSIC— We will be exploring tempo and rhythm using the story Where The Wild Things are. The children will have the opportunity to compose and perform using instruments and will match music to retell parts of the story.

PE—This term our focus will be Dance and Games. The children will practise moving and travelling in different ways and building sequences in partners and groups to perform a dance.

RE— As well as discussing what it feels like to belong, we will be finding out about different aspects of Diwali.