



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

3J Newsletter

Autumn^[H1] Term September – December 2021

Dear 3J Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Phil and Jim! We wanted to take the opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. We also thought that this would be an opportune moment to communicate some details which may be of interest.

Communication

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns. These emails will be passed on to us and we will aim to respond within 48 working hours.

Focus this term

Our focus in Autumn 1 will be based around the books of Roald Dahl, particularly focusing on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We will be exploring the geography of where Dahl generated some of his ideas and the arts and music that have been inspired by him.

In Autumn 2 we will be investigating the work created by the architect Sir Christopher Wren. We will be studying the history behind them and the influences on his creations. If you have any knowledge or experience that may assist us in these topics or future topics, please feel free to contact us.

Maths and English

Your child will be learning how to write a rags to riches Tale story (focusing on writing settings), and newspaper reports. In maths they will be working on number, place value, mental

calculations, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Across the year, the children will be developing their reasoning skills by justifying and explaining each process involved in their calculations.

We will continue to practise our times tables in class and we will be encouraging children to revise them at home.

Reading

We will be continuing to use reading records with the expectation for the children to be reading daily. They can record in their reading records what they have read each day with a little comment about the text level e.g. challenging to read/interesting story plot. When an adult reads with the child please also record this in the reading record. It is beneficial for all children to read aloud to an adult regardless of their fluency. The reading record should be brought in each day and will be monitored weekly. Please remember reading gains awards house points!

Homework

Homework will go out on Class Dojos on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. The first homework of the school year, however, will go home with reading records.

PE kits

Please could we remind you that a full school PE kit is required for PE lessons which includes a separate pair of PE trainers. If your child does not currently have the school PE kit this can be bought from the school office. PE kit should be in school Monday-Friday. May we also remind children with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Shoes for school

We would recommend a stable and robust shoe which is appropriate for all climates. The school requests that no flip-flops or crocs be worn, and that shoes worn for school be secure on your child's feet. As the weather deteriorates, please provide a pair of wellies or shoes for the rain or snow.

Morning Routine

Entry into school will be at 8.40am via the main pupil entrance (next to the car park). At the end of the day, please wait at the entrance to the courtyard for us to bring the class out at 3.05pm.

We look forward to an excellent term, and to getting to know you all better as the year progresses!

Miss Brown

