



# Mansfield Primary Academy

## The Attenboroughs' Class Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2019



#### Welcome

We are very excited to begin our journey in Year 3. The children have settled extremely well into Key Stage 2 and I am positive that we will have a fantastic year with amazing learning.

Throughout the year, we will have various topics to cover and exciting lessons to go with them. I cannot wait to see each child develop and progress in their school and personal lives.

Our first topic will be all about 'Marvellous Me' and our key question is 'Who Am I?' To investigate this, we will look closely at our local history, where we live and how to keep our bodies and our minds healthy.

#### Christmas!

Around Christmas we will try to have some fun festive activities.

We will also be going on a trip to the Palace Theatre to watch a pantomime.



#### Times Table Rockstars

Each child has been given their xtable rockstar log in. We are excited to use this website/app to encourage children to learn their times tables in a fun and interactive way.

We will try to use this in class when possible, however we highly recommend that the children practise at home if they are able to access a laptop, computer or tablet.

#### English

This term, our class book will be 'The Great Kapok Tree', which links to our inspirational person David Attenborough and one of our class drivers 'environment'.

During English, we will be learning all about poems, letter and instructions. Our poems will be centred around ourselves, school life and changes that the children may encounter as they grow older. Our letters are going to be written to our future selves and what our aspirations are. Finally, our instructions will be influenced by the artwork that we create of ourselves.

Spellings will be a main focus this year and we will have set spellings every week.

Handwriting will also be a key focus, and we will be encouraging smart presentation throughout all of the children's work and their books.

#### Rainbow Grammar

This year, we have an exciting new scheme for grammar. The children have taken to this well and are excited to extend their knowledge in this area. We have already learnt about subject, predicate and stop and are moving forward to learn about how to use coordinating conjunctions.

## Maths

This term, we will be covering a range of topics, using the Maths No Problem scheme of work. We will begin with number and place value– Numbers to 1000, then move onto addition and subtraction and then work on multiplication and division.

Our first topic of Numbers to 1000 will include counting in hundreds, fifties, tens and ones, comparing and ordering numbers, recognising number patterns and also counting in fours and eights. Within this unit, children will also gain an understanding of place value for three digit numbers.

We will also be working on recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4, and 8 times tables.



## P.E Kits

PE will be on a **Monday and Friday**, so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. However, PE could take place at any time, so it's easier if your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday and leaves it in school all week to take home Friday for washing, ready for the following week.



## Maths Vocabulary

Ones, tens, hundreds.

Addition, subtraction

Please help your child to learn the above vocabulary as it is essential they understand this for our place value unit.

## Dates for your diary (update accordingly)

3rd September - Back to school

13th September - School Photographs

15th & 16th October - Parent/Teacher Meetings

18th October - Last day of Autumn term 1

21st October to 1st November—Half term break

4th November—INSET DAY

5th November - Back to school

11th December - KS2 Pantomime

13th December - Christmas Party

18th December—Christmas Dinner

21st December - Last day of Autumn term 2 -  
Break up for Christmas

7th January - Back to school

## Spellings, Reading books and Homework

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and then the children will be tested the following week, when new spellings will then be given.

Homework will be focusing on what we have covered each week and will also be handed out on a Friday. This will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday for marking.

Reading books are changed and reading records checked everyday. Please ensure you write a comment in your child's reading diary so we can see the page they are up to or when they have completed their book, otherwise they will not be able to change it.

We look forward to working with you and your child this half term.

*Miss Foulstone, Miss Barrass*