



Holkham Class

Autumn Term 2016 newsletter

A very warm welcome to year 3! This is a very exciting time for your children, as they become juniors, and I look forward to sharing it with them all.

I would also like to introduce you to a new member of our class - Owliver the Owl. Every Friday the 'star of the week' will get to take Owliver home for the weekend. On Monday, we would love to hear what Owliver got up to with your child. It would be great if you could take a photograph of their adventures, or encourage your child to draw a picture so that we can make a display of all the fun Owliver has had with the class.



Topic: We will be starting our year by becoming magnificent magicians! We have had a mysterious letter from *The Magic Circle* asking us to help them keep magic alive. We will be mastering marvellous magic tricks by learning about magnets and forces; the science behind the curtain! By the end of the half term we will all be fully fledged wizards and are hoping to invite friends and family to experience our very own Magical Kingdom!

English: As trainee magicians, we will be inspired by magical characters and fairy tales, as well as writing our very own magic manuals for muggles.

Maths: Our first Maths lessons will be focusing on number, reinforcing number bonds and place value. We will even be experimenting with magical number tricks.

Music: Year 3 and 4 are really fortunate this year, as Mrs Riseborough will be teaching the whole class ukulele lessons every week (Tuesday afternoons).

P.E: Year 3s will have P.E on a Thursday. Swimming lessons will be on Wednesdays (beginning 7th September). Children need to bring their own swimming costumes/trunks and towels. They may bring goggles if they wish, but they do not need them. Children with long hair need to have it tied back and all earrings must be removed.

The junior playground has lots of fun areas to play in. If children wish to play on the field or the apparatus they need to bring in trainers (they can use outside trainers from their PE kit) to change into at playtimes.

Important dates.

Wednesday 2nd November - Magic Kingdom class assembly

Homework.

Homework is handed out on a Friday and is to be returned on Wednesdays. The homework set is usually a fun and engaging activity for you and your child to do together. You may wish to take photos of your learning together and you might want to stick these photos in homework books or you are more than welcome to email them to me and I can print them for you.(bstocker6jr6@nsix.org.uk).

Spellings are taught over a period of two weeks; spellings will be given out and tested every other Wednesday.

How you can help.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and encourage the learning of times tables. Writing in their planner and bringing their planners in each day earn them points so please continue to encourage this. Please help and support your child with their homework and spellings, as necessary. Each day the children answer a 'question of the day'. When your child gets home from school, they may want to discuss their answers with you.

Here are some useful websites:

Maths: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/>

English and Maths: <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Spanish: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/spanish/>

Class Dojo - All the children in year 3 are given their very own virtual Class Dojo monster. These monsters are given points for positive behaviours such as great teamwork, wonderful reading, being kind and helpful and producing super work. Your child will be sent home with a letter with a special code allowing you and your child to log on to Class Dojo at home. Children can change their monsters and check their points, and parents can see all the points their children have and why they were awarded. This is a fantastic way to see how well your child is doing at school. You can also send and receive messages via Class Dojo. Additionally, you will be able to see our 'Class Story' - this a news feed where I can upload photos and news of what we have been learning in the classroom. Only parents corrected to our class will be able to see this, and we ask that no photos are copied on to social media sites please.



If you have any questions, I am always available to talk.

Many thanks,
Miss Stocker.