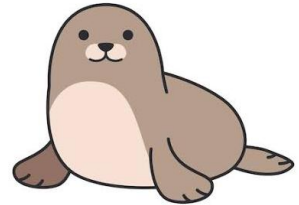


Welcome Back, Seals Class!



Dear Seals Class Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling into life in **Year 3** so well. They have already made a fantastic start, showing great enthusiasm, maturity and resilience as they get used to new routines and expectations. I have been particularly impressed with how quickly they have picked up our classroom routines and how positively they have approached their learning.

Here is a little more information about what we will be learning this term:

English

Our writing this term will be based around the much-loved tale of **Little Red Riding Hood**. The children will have opportunities to write a **persuasive letter** and a **character description**, building on the writing skills they developed in Year 2.

Reading

Our class text will be **How to Train Your Dragon**. This is a very exciting story and one of my favourite books to read aloud! We will use our class text to develop reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills, while enjoying plenty of opportunities to discuss the characters, events and themes within the story.

Maths

We will begin by developing our understanding of **place value**, working with numbers up to **1,000**. We will then move on to **addition and subtraction**, developing both our written and mental calculation strategies.

We will also continue to regularly recap the times tables the children have already learned, helping them to build **speed, accuracy and fluency**.

Project

Our Project topic this term is **Invasion**. We will explore life in Britain during the time of the **Vikings and Anglo-Saxons**, considering why they came to Britain, what life was like during this period and how their invasions helped shape Britain today.

Art

In Art, we will explore **colour theory**, focusing on contrasting and complementary colours. The children will investigate how artists use colour to create different effects and how colour can be used to portray particular **themes, moods and imagery** in artwork.

Design & Technology

Our D&T topic is **Cook Well, Eat Well**. We will explore elements of **healthy eating** and think carefully about what makes a balanced and healthy meal. The children will

then design a **healthy taco**, considering the needs of a consumer, before exploring different ways of preparing and combining ingredients.

Science

This term, Science will focus on **scientific enquiry**. The children will learn what makes an experiment a **fair test**, how to identify and make appropriate predictions, and how to **record and present data** clearly. They will also practise drawing conclusions from their results and thinking scientifically about what their findings tell us.

PE

In PE, we will be developing our **Quicksticks hockey** skills. We will work on defending, scoring and controlling the ball, while developing our ability to communicate and **work effectively as a team**. A reminder that our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday, so PE kit is needed on those days.

RE

Our RE question this term is “**What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?**” We will explore what life is like for Christians today, considering their beliefs, practices and experiences, as well as exploring how Christians connect with and communicate with God.

Computing

In Computing, the children will develop their understanding of **computer networks**. They will learn about how computers communicate and share information, as well as considering how information can be shared **safely and responsibly**.

French

French is a new subject for the children now that they have reached **Key Stage 2**, so this will be an exciting new area of learning for them. We will begin with **simple greetings** and everyday vocabulary, while developing their confidence in listening and speaking and practising their **French pronunciation**.

It is going to be a very busy and exciting term, filled with lots of new learning and opportunities. Thank you for your continued support in helping the children to have such a positive start to Year 3.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the children even better and watching them develop their confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning throughout the year.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead in Seals Class!

Warmest wishes,

Miss Salter and Miss Walters

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