# PRIMARY 3 NEWSLETTER



#### **Literacy**

This term the children will explore their class novel, 'Fantastic Mr. Fox'. They will have the opportunity to explore literary techniques such as alliteration and will develop their questioning skills. The children will begin using simple thesauruses to find appropriate and interesting words. They will write a newspaper report with an exciting headline. The children will begin to use joined handwriting. They will write a simple play-script that includes a narrator. The children will identify, read and spell words containing the letter patterns y (gym), u (push), gn (sign), t (future), dge, o (some), ch (chef), ti (station).

#### **Interdisciplinary Learning**

This term, children will researching and learn about various types of farming. They will develop an understanding of the stages in the farm-to-fork journey: production, processing, distribution, retail and consumer. Children will involve considering the range of jobs and machinery involved.



French — This term the children will be learning about food. We will learn about the country's traditional foods and will form an opinion on them. The children will be able to try some traditional French cuisine.

**Mandarin** — Children will continue to develop learn and use Mandarin vocabulary for numbers, family members, months, days of the week and greetings. Children will be learning a song to perform at the Award Ceremony.

# **Health & Wellbeing**

**P.E.** - Children will be participating in athletic activities to prepare for sports day. This will focus on building stamina and team work.

**HWB** – As we continue to work through our Bounce Back programme, children will focus on looking on the bright side and viewing Spring as a symbol of hope. They will explore humour and the importance of laughter.

# **Technologies**

Children will build an understanding of new and old technology, looking at how it has changed over time. They will identify ways in which energy can be saved as they explore how and where we waste materials and resources. This will allow us to consider and contribute to our School Eco Action Plan.

#### **Numeracy**

This term, children will continue to develop their ability to commit to memory and recall times table facts. They will multiply and divide 2 digit whole numbers by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10. Children will learn the correct way to layout their work when recording. They will solve multiplication and division facts by applying their knowledge of mathematical strategies. During play based learning children will continue to explore measurement and develop their skills at accurately measuring length, weight and volume within a realworld context. They will explore the important part that numbers play in the world and the variety of systems that have been used by civilisations throughout history to record number. Children will use digital technologies and participate in a variety of outdoor learning experiences within this curriculum area.

#### **Science**

This term children will be learning about the position and functions of the skeleton and major organs of the human body. The children will make simple models of a skeleton and will describe how the skeleton gives us support and protects our organs. They will develop their knowledge and understanding of the function of major organs. Children will create a report on how to live a healthy lifestyle.

### **Expressive Arts**

**Music** – Children will develop their understanding of beat and rhythm as they sing a variety of songs and use un-tuned percussion instruments.

**Art –** Children will continue working with Mrs.
Corkindale on a Wednesday. This term the children are exploring the topic of 'The Way We See It' as they prepare artwork for the showcase.

## **Religious & Moral Education**

This term will follow the theme of Mary, Mother of God. The children will make a May altar with the icon of our Lady and a white cover. They will pray the Rosary and thank Mary for saying "Yes" to God and agreeing to be Mother of his son. Children will celebrate Mass on the Feast of the Ascension (9<sup>th</sup> May) and are invited to attend Mass to represent the school on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.

Miss O. Hughes April 2024