

Our vision is to *inspire* and *grow* a
compassionate community of excellence.
A happy place for our children to shine for God,
for each other, and for themselves.

Welcome to Year 3! We have an exciting year planned for you. It is the first year in Key Stage 2 so that is exciting in itself. We will be playing in a different playground and have lockers for our personal things. To start the Autumn term, there will be a whole school 'Bugs' topic. We will be learning about the Amazon Rainforest, using a book called *The Great Kapok Tree*. This book will help us to learn about a wide range of bugs, especially beetles. We will be using real beetle wings for art work in the style of famous artists. To conclude, there will be a fantastic bug parade around the village. In Science, the Year 3 topic is 'Animals including Humans'. The children will learn about their own bodies and what foods they need to eat to give them energy, to build muscles and what foods they should eat less of. The children will also be learning more about the UK. They will use atlases to find counties and rivers and to learn the names of the capital cities. They will investigate rivers and learn the correct geographical language.

After half term, Year 3 will be learning all about The Stone Age and this will be the focus of our class assembly, so make sure you are there! The children will find out what life was like and also how we know about the past, and the historical artefacts that we can use to discover about life in the past. Our science topic involves us learning about different rocks, which are porous, which are hard and how fossils are formed.

The lead up to Christmas will be a very busy time and we have lots of exciting things planned. Incarnation will be our RE theme in the lead up to Christmas and the children will be learning about the meaning of advent and using the Bible to find out about Jesus' birth.

The Spring term topic will be all about a study of a country. We will be learning about its location, the food, the customs and even the language. Atlas' and globes will be a big part of this topic and how to use them correctly. In science we will be investigating all sorts of forces, how they help objects to move and the way that forces can help us. We will also be learning all about light, where it comes from, how we use it and how we can make our own night. During this topic we will be doing

lots of investigations to discover what is true and what is not! Easter is a very important theme for us, learning about the death of Jesus and what that means for us as Christians. We will also participate in some traditional Easter customs.

The Summer term is a busy one. We will be visiting the mosque in Liverpool to meet the Iman and ask him questions about Islam, which is our RE theme for the term. This theme will help promote tolerance and acceptance, important British Values. As the weather warms up we will be investigating plants, how they grow, where they grow and how we can help them to grow. We will be learning about the different parts of plants and learning new scientific terms. We will also be going back in time to 1066, the time of a very famous battle in British history, which changed our country. Using images of The Bayeux Tapestry we will be able to find out about the past. We will be using all sorts of historical artefacts and accounts to discover what really happened. This will also be the focus of our art work, but I am not sure if our embroidery skill will be of the same standard!