



# Class 3 Puffins

Term 1 & 2 Newsletter



## Welcome to a new school Year!

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Puffins Class!

The start of the new school year has brought with it some changes to ensure that we are keeping ourselves and others safe whilst at school. I am very pleased to say that the children have adapted to this brilliantly and have demonstrated real maturity and patience when carrying out the new safety measures. We have had conversations as a class about these safety measures and about some of the feelings that the children might be experiencing during this time. Now more than ever we are here to support children in both their learning and with their wellbeing. Each child will have their own wellbeing booklet, and we will strive to take time in the school day to support children with their emotional wellbeing using our class calm corner.

As a school, we have made some changes to our behaviour system. Our school behaviour policy has five levels that children can move up and down throughout the school day. The behaviour system will consider both the children's attitude to their work and their behaviour in the classroom. Each child will start the day on 'Ready to learn'. Children will have two opportunities to move up to 'Good Choices' and 'Superstar' for making good choices with their learning and demonstrating positive behaviour. Children will be given verbal reminders about their behaviour and their choices in the classroom. However, if a child's behaviour is persistent then their name will be moved down to 'Think about it'. If this continues children are then asked to take some time out. In this time children will be asked to reflect and then discuss with an adult using a restorative approach. When the child is ready to make the right choice and ready to continue with their learning, their name will be moved back to ready to learn when they return to their desk. The children will also have the chance to have a personal postcard sent home if their behaviour has been above and beyond. This will be written by the class teacher which will be a wonderful way to celebrate the children's behaviour with adults at home.

The children this year will be working with myself and Mrs Russell, we are really looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. With lots of exciting opportunities planned for the year ahead we are looking forward to a happy and successful year with the children.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact me via email: [beth.roberts@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:beth.roberts@stmarysprimary.net)

Thank you for your continued support.

## In Puffins Class during term 1 and 2 we will be exploring:

- Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division in **Maths**
- The Boy Who Grew Dragons, The Hodgeheg, The Firework Makers Daughter and The Magic Far Away Tree in **Literacy**.
- Rainforests and The Egyptians in **Topic**
- Animals and Forces and Magnets in **Science**
- The People of God and Sikhism in **RE**
- Henri Rousseau in **Art**
- Numbers to 20 and Colours in **French**
- E-Safety and Programming in **Computing**
- Health and Wellbeing, Aiming High and Relationships in **PSHE**
- Performing songs in **Music**
- Structures in **DT**

## Homework

We are currently not sending homework home with the children. If you wish to complete work with your child at home, then it is always a great idea to practise their timetables and spellings. Whilst time will be given in class for children to learn their spellings and times tables, children will also be encouraged to spend some time at home practicing them also. These websites may be useful for practice at home:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

## Reading

We use a scheme called Accelerated Reader. The children take a quiz to level their reading and comprehension. They then read a book at school or home at the levels they achieved. They will then take a quiz at school and choose another book. The children build up points and the computer records the number of words read as the year progresses. They can read books from home as well, if there is a quiz for them. You can check this at [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

Currently, the children will be keeping their reading book at school and will be given opportunities throughout the school day to read.

## PE

Our PE day is Monday. Currently, the children will not need to bring a PE kit to school as we will not be changing for PE. Children are to bring a pair of trainers or plimsolls for PE lessons. No jewellery should be worn, and long hair should be tied back. The children will be taught PE by the sports coach and Miss Roberts.

*B. Roberts* (Class Teacher)

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