

## Reminders

As the weather gets warmer children are removing jumpers and coats in the playground. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name and class.

In addition you may wish your child to have a water bottle. This must also be clearly labelled and contain only water.

**PE:** Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school.

P.E. lessons are on a FRIDAY.

## Dates for the half term

Summer term (1st half):

Wednesday 19th April - Friday 26th May 2017

**Monday 1st May** - Bank Holiday (no school)

**Wednesday 3rd May** - Class photographs

**Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June : Half Term Break**

(Children return **Monday 5th June 2017**)

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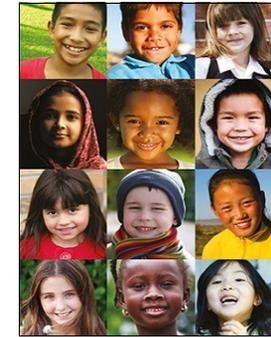
Year 3



## parent Newsletter

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and the children are ready to focus on our exciting new topic:

*Different Places, Similar Lives.*



This topic covers Geography, History and PSHE as we will be studying different countries and their climates, people, food, celebrations and festivals. We will look particularly at how the lives of children are different, yet similar, to the lives of Buxton children.

## Curriculum

Over this half term, we will be covering the following:

**Literacy** - work based on 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo.

During this unit we will be focussing on the **adventure story** aspect of the book, particularly plot writing but also including the general structure of writing a story.

**Reading** - James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl  
(Mr.Sugg's and Mr.Sofronie's Literacy groups).

The Sheep-Pig by Dick King Smith

(Miss Ahmed's and Miss Ashe's Literacy groups).

**Spellings** - Homophones, 'ch' sound, spotting spelling errors, suffixes learned over the year (-ed, -ing, -es, -s, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly) 'y' as 'i' sound and apostrophes as contractions.

**Maths - Number and place value** using 3-digit numbers, **addition and subtraction** including formal written methods (column) and **perpendicular and parallel lines**.

**Multiplication and division** using the grid and column methods for multiplication, **fractions** - equivalent fractions and **measurement**: volume and capacity.

**Times tables** : 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 including division facts. It is important all Year 3 children memorise these times tables.

**R.E.** - Islam

## Homework

**Maths and Literacy homework** is given out every **Wednesday** and is to be returned the following **Wednesday** to the children's Literacy and Maths teachers.

Your child is also expected to read daily and this must be recorded in a reading record. Reading records are collected in on Tuesday and Friday.

### Some useful websites:

- <http://www.google.com/earth/>
- [oldmapsonline.org](http://oldmapsonline.org)
- [ehow.com/how\\_4779859\\_build-weather-instruments-kids.html](http://ehow.com/how_4779859_build-weather-instruments-kids.html)
- [lifestyle.howstuffworks.com/crafts/other-arts-crafts/science](http://lifestyle.howstuffworks.com/crafts/other-arts-crafts/science)
- [worldweather.wmo.int/index.htm](http://worldweather.wmo.int/index.htm)
- [fao.org/countryprofiles/en](http://fao.org/countryprofiles/en)
- [bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures](http://bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures)
- [oxfam.org](http://oxfam.org)
- [actionaid.org/what-we-do/education](http://actionaid.org/what-we-do/education)
- [freethechildren.com](http://freethechildren.com)