



**Rosen Class:  
Mrs Hawkes**

# Year 3 Newsletter - Term 1

**Fletcher Class  
Mrs Graham**



Welcome to another school year at Kingsnorth. This is the first day of your child's journey through Key Stage 2, a journey that ends on their very last day in Year 6! We understand that your child will learn much better if they feel happy, liked, respected and safe...and we'll certainly be doing our best to make sure the children feel valued. If there are any issues, please e-mail us and we will get back to you. Please find below, most of the important features of what we will be covering in Year 3 this term. Please remember to pack your child a fruit or vegetable snack for breaktime, sweets and chocolate are not permitted.

## Reading

A big reminder to continue daily reading with your children at home. We recommend a minimum of 10 minutes. We have a particular focus on fluency and the ability to read over 90 words per minute using some expression. We also highly recommend daily practice of spellings on Spelling Shed and times tables practice.

## Maths

In Maths, we will review and strengthen our understanding of single-digit addition and subtraction, commutativity, and bridging through ten. We will extend these skills to work with multiples of ten and explore complements to 100. We will also deepen our place value knowledge up to 100 and begin representing and working with 3-digit numbers. We will also develop mental strategies for adding and subtracting multiples of ten, in preparation for more formal calculations in future units.

## Science

Our key question is: 'What are the properties of rocks?' Children will learn how to compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They learn how to describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and finally they learn how to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

## Dates for your diary

### Term 1

**Meet the Teacher Session** : 10<sup>th</sup> September

**Book Fair** – 26<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October

**School Photos**: 1<sup>st</sup> October

**KS2 Reading Workshop**: 6<sup>th</sup> October

**PFA School Disco**: 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Flu Vaccinations** – 14<sup>th</sup> October

**KS2 Maths Workshop**: 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Parents Consultations** – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October

**Term ends**: 17<sup>th</sup> October

### Year 3 Staff:

**Mrs C. Graham, Mrs M. Hawkes, Miss K. Kubanska,  
Mrs K. Giles**

## Things to remember

We expect the weather to gradually become cooler, but so that the children can hydrate throughout the day, can you please make sure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. No flavoured water or juice please.

In the event of wet weather please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood as we will still go outside, wellington boots are also advisable.

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 3 staff team, and we will try our best to give you answers. Our email address is:

[year3@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk](mailto:year3@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk)

For general enquires please email the school office:

[office@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk)



## English

We will be working from the book 'Comet' by Joe Todd Stanton. This is a rich story text which explores how a family can create a home filled with imagination and warmth whilst welcoming change and building resilience. We will, as usual be encouraging reading at home, teaching reading at school. In writing, we will be focusing on poetry and using poetic techniques including alliteration and rhyme.

## Religious Education

In RE this term we will be answering the question 'What is it like to follow God?' We will be looking at those biblical characters that helped spread the word of God. We will begin with Noah, the building of The Ark, the flood and why it happened.

## Physical Education

PE will be on a **Monday and Wednesday** afternoon for Year 3, children can now wear their PE kit to school on these days. **no earrings on PE day**. Our sports are Tag Rugby and Hockey, these will be outdoors so please ensure your child wears the appropriate kit. From 30<sup>th</sup> September children will need shin pads and a mouthguard for Hockey.

## History

Our topic for this term is Stone Age to Iron Age – where we will be learning about how Britain changed during this time. We will consider how we know about a time period where there were no written sources of evidence, and what life was like as a hunter-gatherer in these times.