

# Class 3DL's Newsletter

June 2013

Dear Parents / Carers

A new half term and it's all change. Firstly we would like to welcome you to class 3DL, as we are now known. 'D' being for Mrs Douglas, who will be teaching Monday to Wednesdays and the 'L' for Mrs Loring, who will be teaching Thursday and Friday. This is now our class until this time next year: consisting of 10 Year 4 children and 17 Year 5; 15 boys and 12 girls.

Our topic this half term is based on water. There will be a main focus on life and the life cycles of animals found in ponds, however we will take a short look at all sorts of areas of water around the world, including the seas, oceans, lakes and rivers, as well as the animals within them. The children have come up with lots of questions they would like to answer during the half term, including why the sea is salty and how many fish there are in the world. We will do our best to find some answers!

This topic may have a scientific and geographical focus, but there are many opportunities for music, art, D.T and ICT, as this topic opens itself up for lots of exploration of sound, famous artwork and combining images, text and sound.

## P.E.

At this time of year we try to get outside for P.E. as well as other activities whenever the weather suits. To make this possible all children need to bring their PE kits in on Mondays and take them home on Fridays if needed. Their kits must also include outdoor trainers.

## Homework

Homework this half term will be given out on Mondays and will be a mental maths focus, which will be tested on a Friday (starting from next week). There will also be a spellings test on a Friday, which the children will have sounds to practise for.

However, they need to show they understand the spelling patterns, rather than just learning a set of words.

## Reading

If your child is currently on a 'scheme reading book', they will be heard read in school as frequently as possible on an individual basis. Children on 'free reading books' will take part in weekly guided reading sessions, where the emphasis is placed upon deeper comprehension. Please continue to encourage reading at home, as this will help to ensure good progress throughout the year.

### Swimming

Swimming will continue on Tuesday afternoons and will include all children from the new 3DL class. Swimming sessions do stop in the Autumn term and will begin again in January 2014.

### Forest Schools

The class has been divided into two groups for weekly Forest School sessions on a Monday. The first group have already begun their adventures in Hartley Wood, and will continue for this half term. Further details will be sent home for children in group 2 before the Summer break (sessions for group 2 will commence in September). The groups will take it in turns to work in the woods on a half-termly basis throughout the year.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Vintage Fayre, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - End of Year Concert (Afternoon and Evening performances)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Whole school trip to Filey and school closes for Summer.

We are looking forward to a great half term ahead.

Regards,

Mrs Douglas and Mrs Loring

