



# LOWER SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope that you and your children enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. The children have been bringing in their Summer Reading Records and work they have completed over the holiday. Well done for all the hard work.

## Important Dates

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Year 3 Stone Age Day

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents 9:00-9:30

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Year 2 Geography Afternoon

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Target Setting

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October - Science Week

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Lower School Harvest Assembly 10:00- 10:30

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 trip to Wendover woods

## Homework



Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. Please support your child completing this work. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed, TT Rockstars or Numbots for their homework. Your child should have been given the usernames and passwords needed. If your child does not know their login details, please ask their class teacher.

## Reading

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read, this may be only once a week. The more times they read a book, the more fluent and confident they will be. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.



This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading. Please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

### Year 1

The Gingerbread Man

The crocodile who  
didn't like water

The Gruffalo

### Year 2

Esio Trot by Roald Dahl

Jack and the Beanstalk

Augustus and his smile by  
Catherine Rayner

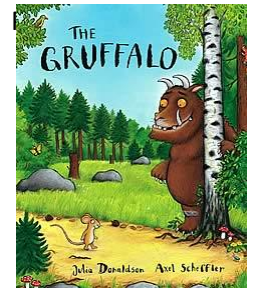
### Year 3

Kassim and the Greedy  
Dragon

Stone Age Boy by  
Satoshi Kitamura  
The Owl who was Afraid  
of the Dark by Anne Fine

# Year 1

The children have come in to Year 1 eager to learn and explore, they have settled in well and are enjoying learning through play, while slowly being introduced to more formal lessons. The children have started their new phonics groups and are now taking home reading books linked to these groups. We have started using our numbers to 10 when counting and will soon start using them to add and subtract. We will be looking at seasonal changes in Science and will have the opportunity to explore autumnal colours and signs when we visit Wendover Woods at the end of the half term. We are very excited to follow the Gruffalo trail while we are there, which links to one of our stories this half term. In Geography we will discuss different weather patterns in the UK. For Art and D.T. we will be learning about the famous artist; Andy Goldsworthy and creating moving pictures using levers.



# Year 2

The children have returned to school looking very smart and ready to learn. We have lots to look forward to and are eager to get started. The children will have a Writing and Reading lesson daily. During our Maths lessons we will be focusing on place value and counting, then moving on to addition and subtraction. Our Science topic this half term is all about materials and their properties. The children will be taking part in lots of experiments to find out about different materials. Our Art lessons are based on the Pop Artist Andy Warhol. The children will be creating self-portraits in a Pop Art style. The children will have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are looking very smart in their new PE kits.

We are using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk as a stimulus for writing. We are learning the text by drawing story maps and using actions. We needed a giant from the story for our display so the children drew around Mr Kann!



# Year 3

Mrs Quinton and Mrs Sheehan have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and they are settling into Year 3 very smoothly. During our Writing lessons, we will be writing a warning story and learning how to incorporate descriptive language into our stories this term. In Maths we are focussing on place value up to 1000 and learning the 2,5,10 times tables off by heart. In Science we are learning about Forces, such as magnetism and gravity. This term's Art is a study of self-portraits and Post-Impressionism by artists including Vincent van Gogh. Our PE lessons include: Ball skills on Thursdays and Gymnastics on Fridays. Homework can be found on Google Classroom and we expect the children to read to an adult every day at home.

We are looking forward to seeing our pupils in their costumes on our upcoming Stone Age themed day on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> September, where we will be making spears, a campfire and enjoying a Stone Age Feast.

