

## Spanish

The children will have the opportunity to rehearse key conversational phrases in Spanish and will practise pronunciation, spelling and punctuation.

## Music

Every Tuesday, Class 3 will enjoy a singing assembly and an instrumental session with our new music teacher.

## Computing

We will work on improving the children's typing skills and provide opportunities for them to word process final drafts of their written work. We will also focus on the importance of e-safety and continue to make use of Google Classroom.

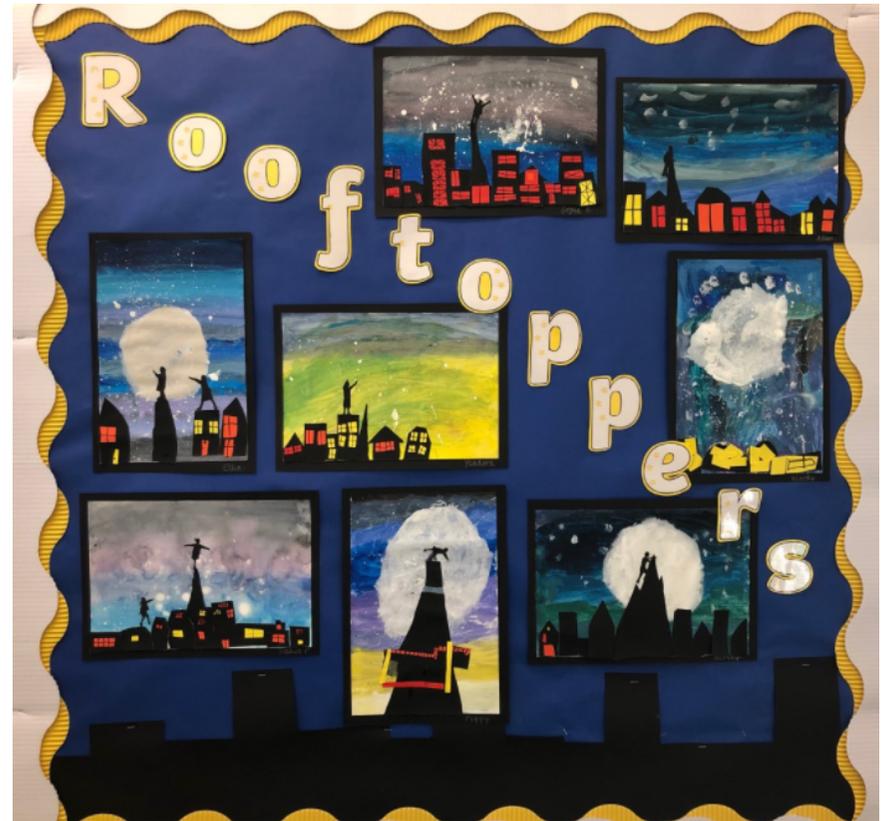
## PSHRE

We will continue to use Zones of Regulation to equip the children with the language and strategies to express and manage their emotions. Alongside this, we will be focusing on the questions 'How can we be a good friend?' and 'What makes a community?'

We are really looking forward to the year ahead - hopefully without any disruptions! Please feel free to come and see us if you have any concerns or worries, or leave a message with the office. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Wheeler and Miss Hennessey



**Class 3**  
**Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2021**

## Welcome!

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had an enjoyable, relaxing summer holiday. The children have started to settle back into their familiar routines admirably well. They have already demonstrated a good recall of prior learning, which bodes well for all the new topics we will be covering this year!

### English

There will be an emphasis on making impressive vocabulary choices in writing this term, starting with our poetry unit. The children will explore how to develop mood and atmosphere to make their writing vivid, and imitate the structures of the poetry studied. Grammar and spelling will be embedded in each lesson, with specific focus given to writing speech, using a range of conjunctions, utilising prefixes and suffixes and adding prepositional phrases. We will then move onto *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes, which provides a fictional link to our history topic.

### Reading

Reading widely and with understanding has a marked impact on all areas of children's education. In Class 3, we aim for the children to start developing or embedding their preferences as a reader, and thinking more deeply about authorial choices. We will be covering guided reading as a whole class, beginning each lesson with an ERIC starter: explaining vocabulary, retrieving information, inferring about what they have read, and explaining the choices made by the author. Your children have been given a sheet of KS2 reading stem questions to bring home, which are the same ones we use in class.

### Maths

Lessons will be taught with a mastery approach, with each new topic backtracked to ensure there are no gaps in understanding. The children will all work through fluency tasks following teaching input, and a range

of problem solving and reasoning challenges are also provided. A secure understanding of place value is our first main focus, as numbers will be extended up to 1,000 in Year 3 and up to 10,000 in Year 4. Times tables will also be a focus throughout the year, as the Year 4 children will be sitting the new Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term.

### Science

In the first half term, the children will apply their 'working scientifically' skills throughout our topic on Light. They will be tasked with conducting investigations and drawing their own conclusions from the results. Next half term, we will be looking at Electricity.

### R.E.

Our learning will be based around the core question 'What is the significance of Baptism to Christians?' We will be exploring key symbols and actions, plus the story of Jesus' own Baptism. We then move onto comparing traditions of Christianity and Islam, including Christmas and the pilgrimage of Hajj.

### History

This term we are studying the Battle of Britain, focusing on the significance of Spitfires and radar to Britain's success. We have a trip booked to RAF Hendon on **Thursday 14th October**.

### P.E.

We have P.E. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this half term, and children can still come into school wearing their kit on these days. We will be developing the skills needed for a range of attacking and defending team games, and encouraging the children to think tactically.