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INTO LEARNING!

## Grade 3 Newsletter

November 2015

Dear Parents,

Grade three have continued to work very hard over the past month and we have recently finished lots of the focus areas we have discussed in earlier newsletters. Below is an update about the new focus areas for each of the subjects.

### Curriculum

#### English

In English, we have been enjoying the genre of descriptive writing, with children have been focusing on using adjectives, similes and sensory detail to describe settings and characters from the Roald Dahl book 'Charlie and the chocolate factory'. We would like to thank you for your support during this topic in English, we have received some fantastic and creative projects linked to the chocolate factory rooms!

Next week we will be moving onto a new genre of writing and learning how to write formal and informal letters, identifying key features of letters and exploring formal and informal language features used in letter writing. We will be linking our genre of letter writing to Charlie and the chocolate factory and Grade 3 will have some important letters to write to Charlie Bucket himself!

#### Maths

In Maths, we have made excellent progress in our topic of multiplication and all of the Grade 3 teachers have been very impressed with how hard children have been practising their times tables at home each week. Well done Grade 3!

We have recently progressed to the topic of measurement and we have been focusing on time and learning how to read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks. Next week we will focus on solving problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months; weeks to days.

In the coming weeks before we finish for winter break we will also be focusing on the topics of fractions and statistics.

#### Science

In Science, we have recently finished our topic of living things and their habitats and we have moved on to our new topic of electricity. Over the next couple of weeks we will be identifying common appliances that run on electricity either mains and batteries (or both) and learning how to recognise potential dangers that could result through using electrical appliances.

## Topic

We have recently finished our topic of the Tudors and to celebrate we held a Tudor day! The next newsletter will include photographs of our Tudor day. We are now going to be focusing on the topic of village settlements and settlers, comparing and contrasting early settlements in England and the UAE, exploring how people used to live and survive in settlements and the types of settlements they created and why.

## Homework and weekly spelling tests

Your child receives homework every Sunday. Please return this completed each Wednesday. We would like your support in continuing to encourage children to prepare for their weekly spelling test by helping them to practise at home. Please also continue to practise times tables at home – during Grade 3 children are expected to learn and be able to recall their times tables facts up to 12 x 12!

We have included some photographs of the learning which has been taking place across Grade 3.

We look forward to meeting with you at the upcoming parent-teacher target setting meetings.

With kind regards,

The Grade 3 teachers.



3AS participating in an outdoor science experiment.