



# Flax Hill Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2, 2024

Miss Wellings, Miss Hopkins and Mrs Stubbs



### This half term we are learning:

**English:** In English, we will be continuing our work on the narrative 'Stone Age Boy'. We will also be writing a poem based around seasons and a Christmas themed social media advert.

**Maths:** We will be completing work based around division and multiplication. We will also focus on time, money, data handling and fractions.

**Science:** Our new Science topic is based around 'Forces and Magnets'. We will be learning about pushes and pulls, magnetic materials, magnetic forces and uses of magnets.

**History:** We will be learning about the topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age' in our History lessons. We will look at how life changed during this time and how people have found out about life in this period of prehistory.

**Geography:** Our geographical work will be based around our Mediterranean neighbours. We will be identifying European countries, capital cities and their human and physical features.

**Art:** We will be learning all about Andy Goldsworthy and his use of nature in his sculptures. We will be using various techniques in order to create our own artwork.

**Music:** Our lessons will be focussed on 'The Sounds of Winter'. We will continue to develop our recorder skills and will learn lots of new songs.

**French:** We will be learning about vocabulary related to the different seasons.

**PSHE:** In our PSHE lessons, will be looking at the topic 'Celebrating Differences'.

**PE:** In PE this half-term, we will be learning gymnastic skills with Mr Cross.

**RE:** We will be learning all about how Diwali is celebrated.

**Computing:** In our computing lessons, we will be learning about how to use google slides to create our own presentations.

### Message from the teachers:

The Year 3 children are continuing to impress us every day and we are really enjoying spending time with them in the classroom. They are working hard and we are already seeing lots of progress in the children's work. They are superstars!

Thank you to the parents who joined us for all of our events last half-term. We really enjoyed seeing you for our reading café and parents evenings. Keep an eye out for more events this half-term.

Forest school takes place once every half-term. More information will be sent home when this session is coming up.

PE continues to take place on a Monday and Friday. Don't forget that children should be wearing a school cardigan or jumper over a white t-shirt.

### Suggested Home Learning Activities

'There is no friend as loyal as a book' (Ernest Hemingway)

It is so lovely to hear the children talk about the books that they are reading at home. The children are starting to recommend books to each other and to develop their own preferences for genre. Keep encouraging your child to read for pleasure at home for 15—20 minutes each night.

The children are very competitive and are enjoying their times tables challenges on *Times Tables Rock Stars*. Continue to encourage the children to access this at home so that they can keep trying to turn their heat maps green. Garage is a great game to play to work towards this goal.

Homework challenges will be sent home every Friday and will include a paper task and a Purple Mash challenge.