

### **LOWER SCHOOL**

Welcome back! Last half term was a very busy half term.



The Lower School children put on a fantastic Harvest Assembly. The children all sang beautifully, Year 3 performed some fantastic poems and the

Year 2 children retold the story of 'The Magic Porridge Pot' brilliantly.

Thank you for your generosity and all the food you donated. The food has been given to The One Can Trust charity based in High Wycombe and they will be giving the food to people who really need it.



#### 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. There have been a few issues with Edshed recently. If your child can

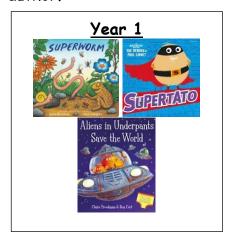
not access the work on EdShed, please complete either TT Rockstars or Numbots instead.

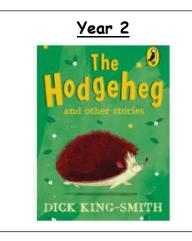
#### Reading

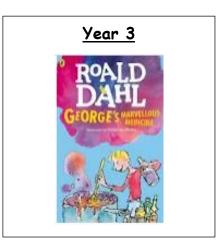
It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read.

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

Year 1 has had a wonderful first half term and the children have settled beautifully, making them ready for an exciting half term ahead.

In Maths, the children will be learning about addition and subtraction using numbers to 10 and solving word problems. In Science our focus is the Human Body, identifying parts and exploring our five senses which will lead to a fun Senses Day involving smelling, tasting, listening, and observing. In History, we will study Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. In RE, we will be exploring important people and the celebration of Christmas. PE will involve invasion games, mastering attacker and defender techniques, alongside exciting dance routines. In Computing, children will become robot programmers, learning to direct the Beebots. During Design and Technology the children will be creating moving pictures, they have already begun investigating ways of making the pictures move.

# Year 2

Basking in the success of our Harvest Festival performance, we are ready for another half-term of hard work. In Science, we are continuing to investigate the properties of everyday materials. In History, we are studying Remembrance and how it came to be a fixed date in our nation's calendar. In RE, we are looking at special people and sacred texts in Christianity and Buddhism. We are having great fun in PE, learning how to attack and defend in invasion games and dancing! In Computing, we are looking at algorithms and debugging, as well as brushing up on our online safety.

We are looking forward to ending the term with lots of Christmas activities.

You can twist, bend and squash tissue paper!

## Year 3

Year 3 has worked really hard during the first half term and have adapted well to a busy daily timetable! This half term, we will be looking at our 4 and 8 times table for multiplication and division in Maths. Please help by practising these at home too! In English, we will be learning how to write effective descriptions through a warning story followed by writing effective instructions. In Science, we will be investigating the use of light; identifying whether we could survive without the sun and how shadows are made. For Design and Technology, we will be creating our own greenhouses and in History we will complete our learning on the Iron Age with a visit to Desborough Castle, the site of an Iron Age hill fort. After this, we will start our new topic about the Ancient Egyptians. In R.E. we will be learning about important places for Muslims and Christians and we are excited for this term's trip to the Jubilee Mosque too. Our new PE topics are dance and tag rugby and we are enjoying learning about traditional instruments from India in music. In computing, we will be using Scratch to explore how to do programming.