

# Autumn Term 2020

## Important Dates

- 11th September:** Meet the teacher materials released.
- 27th September:** Harvest celebration 'Harvest Around the World' Donations to the food bank.
- 15th October:** Parents information videos released.
- 21st October:** Happy School Bag Collection.
- 23rd October:** Black History Day.
- 26th to 30th October:** Half term.
- 2nd November:** INSET Day.
- 3rd November:** Wellbeing Week
- 10th and 11th November:** Parent consultations.
- 23rd November:** House History Quiz.
- 16th December:** School virtual Christmas sharing released.
- 8th December:** Term ends (2pm)



## Welcome to Year 3

We hope you had a lovely holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. The team in year 3 are really excited about getting to know your children. We have lots of enjoyable activities planned to engage them in learning. The team this year are Miss Hartley in Class 5 and Miss Williams in Class 6. Mrs Reed and Mrs Merritt will be supporting the children in class.



## Home Learning

On Friday afternoon, home learning and spellings will be uploaded to Google Classroom and sent home in Home Learning books. These will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Tasks will vary between English, Maths and Topic based activities.

Home Learning should be completed in pencil only (we are happy to provide if you do not have one at home) and should take about half an hour to finish.

Spellings and times tables will be tested on Thursdays. These will be introduced in class the week prior to the test.

## PE Kit

This year, PE lessons will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays for Class 5 & Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Class 6.

Each child will need a plain white t-shirt (with or without the Northgate emblem), plain bottle green PE shorts, plain bottle green hoody (with or without the Northgate emblem), plain bottle green joggers and a suitable pair of trainers.

Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the appropriate days. Please ensure they are sent in with a spare pair of shoes in case they get muddy.



## Drop Off / Pick Up

This term, drop off will be at 8:50am and pick up will be at 3:10pm. Parents are asked to line up on the yellow lines on the playground, outside their child's classroom and wait for their child to be released to them. In the interest everyone's safety, please do not gather in groups and leave promptly once you have collected your child.

## Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts including Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and a variety of Just So stories by Rudyard Kipling.

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books weekly. Children may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home.

Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.



## Topic

Our first topic is Predators. In Predators, we will be thinking about the characteristics of animals and their place in the food chain. We will learn all about the different habitats of predator and finish the term with an exciting visit from some animals.

After half term, our topic will be Scrumdiddlyumptious. We will be basing our learning on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of fruits and understand where they come from. Our learning during this topic will also include colour mixing, drawing with different mediums and making savoury muffins.



## Maths

We will start the term by focusing on place value of numbers up to 1000. We will then move on to teaching the children column addition and subtraction, and begin to multiply and divide a variety of one and two-digit numbers.

During lessons, the children will encounter a variety of arithmetic style, reasoning and problem solving questions to demonstrate their mathematical understanding. Each week, the children will complete an arithmetic test and will have an opportunity to practise their arithmetic skills.



Throughout the year, the children will be learning their 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well as revising their 2s, 5s and 10s. Each week the children will complete a short times tables test. We would be grateful if you could support your children in learning these at home.

