**Class 3**

**Autumn Term 1 September 2023**

**RE:** We are focusing this half term on the domestic church and family. In particular, that the Church names the family the ‘Domestic Church’ where children may begin to understand the church which is ‘nothing other than the family of God.’ God is the loving parent of the human family and Jesus was born and lived in a human family.

**TOPIC:** We are studying **Anglo Saxons and Vikings** as our main topic this term, with cross-curricular links to Literacy and Geography.

**LITERACY:** Over the term we will be exploring different genres, looking at their content, structure, style and vocabulary. We will be working on grammar rules and spelling patterns and the children will be given spellings weekly to learn at home in due course.

**MATHS:** The children will be focusing on place value and key number facts including doubles, halves and times tables. The children will need to continue practising their times tables up to 12 x 12, and your support at home in this would be greatly appreciated. They will also continue to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and the relationship between these. We will develop a range of mental calculation strategies and will begin to use written methods of recording. A password to **Times Table Rockstars** (TTRS) will be in the front of your child’s reading record book in due course.

**HOME LEARNING:**

**READING:** Sharing a book with your child and discussing its contents is very important if your child is to make good progress. Please encourage your child to continue with their daily reading practice and to keep a record of all of their reading, in their Reading Record Book (this will be sent out when they arrive in school). The book is like a **‘diary’** and can be filled out for the relevant day when you have read with your child. These books should be brought into school **every day** as we use them during shared reading time. Reading out loud with your children is very valuable too!

**SPELLING:** Children will have spellings homework which will be sent out each **Thursday** (the children will have learned the rule in school and are consolidating their learning through the homework given) it should be returned to school the following **Monday**. A password to **Edshed** will be in the front of your child’s reading record book in due course.

**P.E:** Could you please make sure that children bring their full PE kit to school. Lesson times are subject to change depending on what their focus is in the term, so it is important the children have their kit in school all week. P.E. kit should comprise of a house coloured t-shirt, black shorts and trainers, spare socks (especially when girls are coming to school in tights), tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt in a named bag. Girls also need a hair band if they have long hair to tie back. Children should be able to take out their own earrings for safety.

**SWIMMING:** Class 3 will be swimming each Thursday starting on **14th September** (for 10 weeks) a separate letter with full details of dates and equipment needed is attached.

Please remember that all school uniform and equipment **MUST** be named (including P.E. kit, water bottles and lunch boxes).

Thank you so much for your support!

Mrs Jones (Class teacher), Miss Campbell and Mrs Kendall