

# Green Class Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Green Class. The children have settled well into life in year 3 and have got stuck into their learning quickly and eagerly. They are a lovely enthusiastic bunch and I am sure they will have a great year.

## Our topic: Oh the places you'll go

This half term topic covers a variety of areas. We designed this topic so that children have a chance to think about the skills and careers they would like to have. We will be looking at the different skills they have already and the skills they would like to develop. We will also be looking at jobs in Lancashire and what the future might hold for them. It has been lovely to hear of some of the children's aspirations already, and I look forward to helping them work out how to achieve their dreams.

In science, we have been looking at the jobs of different plant parts. We have already made our own plants, and explored our fantastic allotment which is bustling with plant and insect life. And there are more experiments to come to help us understand how plants work. In geography, our other main subject this half-term, we will be improving our map skills as well knowledge of different physical and human features of the North West of England.

In English, we will mainly be looking at Paddington by Michael Brown. The children have made a fantastic start to this and we will be creating our own Paddington adventure towards the end of the half term.

Mr Miller, who the children know well, has the class on Fridays and he will be teaching them PE, Mandarin (with Mrs Massara), and Music. Please can the children come in to school on Friday in their PE kit. They may wear a track suit/joggers/jumper over the top to stay comfortable throughout the day.

At Willow Lane we love reading. We aim to hear children read individually or in a group every week, at least twice (and sometimes more!). Please can you continue to help your child read at home 4 times a week. Please make sure this is recorded in their reading record. Reading records are also a good way of passing messages to us as we check these every day.

In maths, we have been looking at 3-digit numbers and how the value of them changes depending on where they are in the place value system. We will be using this knowledge to help us to add and subtract later in the half term. The children will also have a chance to

practise TTRockstars every week, a great app for helping children improve their times table knowledge. The studio section has been set by me to go through each times table at a slower pace. Please give your child a chance to practice this at home. A copy of their password and login details will be going home with them. If you need help accessing this, please let school know. If TTRockstars is too challenging you can speak to me. Also, there are lots of number bond games on [topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk) which are also extremely educational.

This half term we are also looking at being safe online. In year 3 they will be looking at how to protect their identity, how to behave online and what being part of an online community means.

Below is a list of words that will be introduced this half-term. You might like to ask your child or discuss these with them at home

Roots, stem/trunk, leaves, branches, flower, petals, pollen, pollination/pollinators, soil, nutrients, organic matter, seeds, Disperse, transport, change/convert,

Coasts, cliffs, mountains, rivers, estuary, lakes, fertile land, crops, tourists, urban, rural,

### Home Learning

Please continue to help your child to read at home four times a week. Every time they hit a reading at home milestone, they will get a special certificate and a sticker.

Please also help your child practise their times tables using TTRockstars. Other games to help their addition and subtraction are also available on [topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk)

In the event of your child being unable to attend school, but feeling well enough to continue learning, please see the home learning sheet on the reverse of this letter.

Finally, if you have any questions or you would like to discuss something further, please ring the school office or let me know after school to arrange a phone call or a meeting. Thank you again for all your support!

Mr Piper

Green Class Teacher

P.S.

Here are some photos from some of our learning so far so you can ask your child about them

