

## **Welcome to Class 3 – Autumn 1**

What a start to a 'normal' term back in school!

It's been a jammed packed first half term and we have formed our class routines and allocated roles and responsibilities. We have appointed our school councillors and they have had their first meeting with Miss Hibbert to decide on areas to focus on this coming year.

This half term class 3's key text has been the Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. This has allowed us to explore so many different avenues linking to our topic of 'The spice of life'.

In English we have had debated about whether zoos should continue in the modern world, we have written non-chronological reports about the Timbavati nature reserve in Africa, created diary entries as the main characters, written letters home from the 1st world war and also a story about leaving something we love behind.

In our Science lessons we have been learning about Carl Linnaeus and how the classification system works. We have created our own classification keys and are planning an investigation into how mould grows.

Our year 6 children have done their play leader training and have already begun lunchtime sports clubs, which are proving very popular!

In Maths we have covered place value and addition so far. Within this we have developed our skills of rounding, learned about Roman Numerals and have recapped written methods such as column addition.

We have had visit from basketball and netball coaches so far and have been focussing in PE on developing our football skills. We are due to start learning handball for the first time this week and swimming has also resumed.

Our history focus has been on a study of Benin, Africa from 900-1300 and we have recapped some geographical knowledge about the continents within this.

Mr Smith from JFC joined us for an afternoon to deliver a taster session of Spanish as part of International Languages Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and will be learning this as our chosen modern foreign language this year.

The year 6 pupils did a super job of helping at the MacMillan coffee afternoon recently and have shown their maturity with all they have been asked to do to support the younger pupils in school, it's been lovely to see this happen again after what seems like a long time stuck in bubbles!