

Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter.



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you have enjoyed your Christmas. This information sheet will give a broad outline of the work your child will be undertaking this term. We hope you will find it useful. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher. In our teaching, we make cross-curricular links with other subjects to not only enhance and embed the children's learning, but also for their enjoyment. These links are detailed below.

MATHEMATICS: In Maths we will be deepening our understanding of place value, ordering numbers and comparing numbers. We will also be re-visiting addition and subtraction strategies as well as multiplication and division strategies. Later in the term, we will begin to look at fractions and move on to investigating angles as a description of a turn as well as parallel and perpendicular lines.

ENGLISH: In English we will begin our learning journey by reading and analysing well-known fables. We will then plan and write our own fables conveying a moral. In the second part of the term we will be looking at the renowned author Anthony Browne. We will be reading a selection of his best loved titles and go on to develop our narrative writing skills.

SCIENCE: In Science we will be studying the unit, Animals Including Humans, and explore its curricular links with our PSHE and DT units this term.

TOPIC: We will begin our unit in Geography with a '**stunning starter**' - by guessing the origins of different foods as an introduction to learning about 'Where does our food come from?' This will tie in with our learning about the process of making sandwiches in DT.

R.E.: In R.E., we will begin by looking at Judaism and what it is like to live as a Jew. Later on in the term, we will be learning about Jesus's two commandments and why Easter is an important festival to Christians.

P.S.H.E: This term our first unit is 'Keeping and Staying Healthy'. We will be linking in our Science learning to understand how a lead a healthy lifestyle. Later on in the term, we will be deepening our understanding of being responsible.

DT: We will be learning about the process of designing and manufacturing of sandwiches before making our own! We will then be selling these to the rest of the school as part of our '**excellent ending**'.

P.E./GAMES: In outdoor P.E, the children will be learning skills and strategies in outdoor adventurous activities and netball. While in indoor P.E., the children will be developing their gymnastic and dance abilities. The children should have their P.E. kit in school at all times. We would encourage children to bring a tracksuit for outdoor games during colder periods, in addition to their P.E. kits.



READING: Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and reading record every day. Children have a reading book to bring home from school but are also most welcome to read their own choices of book. All children will be heard reading in class during guided reading. Individual reading will also take place. The reading reward target will be announced in the first week back.

TIMES TABLES: Children are encouraged to access the Rock Stars website using their login details. Please can parents practise times tables with their child as often as possible and encourage their children to complete the challenges and activities online. These will be checked regularly by a member of the Year 3 team.

HOMEWORK: Please remember the children have a reading record in which an adult needs to write the books they are reading at home, what pages they have read and a short comment about how they got on. It is useful if you could record whenever you have listened to your child read. Children are encouraged to read at least 5 times a week with an adult for at least 10 minutes, and are also encouraged to read independently at home. Please sign your child's homework diary.

Children will also receive maths and spellings homework once a week. Homework will be given out and collected as follows:

Subject	Day	Hand in /diary signed by	Response
Reading (10 minutes)	Daily	Friday	Fill in your diary reading record.
Maths	Thursday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.
English - Spellings (20 minutes)	Beech - Wednesday Poplar - Friday Willow - Wednesday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.

CONTACT: Teachers are usually available for quick queries at the end of the school day. Please write any notes in your child's reading record and ask your child to show this to their teacher at the start of the school day. If a matter needs a longer discussion, please write to your child's teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. We will be happy to see you.

Yours sincerely,

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The Year Three Team