

# Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter.



Welcome back! We hope that you had a fabulous Easter break. 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 learning to tell the time and consolidating 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 continue 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 studying different types of poems, how they are structured and identify their language features. We will then write our own rhyming poems as well as haikus and acrostic poems. Our '*stunning starter*' in English will be the Hobbledown trip which will be a stimulus for our creative writing.

**SCIENCE:** In Science we will be studying the units Light and Plants. The children will be given an exciting homework project to investigate light and shadows over the half term. We will then share this '*excellent ending*' with the parents and grown-ups.

**TOPIC:** In Geography we will be studying 'Countries of the World'. We will look at continents and locate countries on a map. We will also develop our SMSC links by looking at different cultures.

**R.E.:** In R.E., we will begin by looking at the Bible and Hinduism.

**P.S.H.E:** This term our unit is 'Being responsible'. Then we will move on to looking at 'Feelings and Emotions' and 'Relationships'.

**ART:** We will be studying the artwork of Oenone Hammersley and comparing her style of work to those that we have already seen in Ancient Egypt and the Stone Age. We will create pieces of artwork in her style before moving on to looking at the artwork of Van Gogh.

**P.E./GAMES:** In outdoor P.E, the children will be learning skills and strategies in athletics. The children should have their P.E. kit in school at all times. As we are now swimming this term, the children will need to bring their swimming costume and towel (goggles and swimming hat if applicable) in a suitable bag every week. Please ensure that all swimming kit and school uniform is named.



**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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