

Happy New Year, Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that your child has enjoyed their first few days of January and that they are looking forward to the term ahead! Here is some updated information as we enter our Spring term.

The School Day:

Our school day starts at 8:40am, your child will walk around to the classroom door where they will enter the cloakroom via the outside door. This is the same door as they entered for year 2. Children will then put their belongings away, make their lunch choice on the board and then begin their morning work. Mrs Henson will be the class teacher on a Wednesday, Miss Knight will be in on all the other days.

At the end of the day, you will collect your child at 3:25pm on the bottom playground. Please ensure that the class teacher sees you with your child before leaving.

PE:

This term, PE will be on a **Thursday** and a **Friday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed.

Playtimes:

We will continue to have our playtimes on the playground until the weather becomes better. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a waterproof coat, suitable layers and a healthy snack for your child to eat at morning break time.

Reading:

Please ensure your child has their reading diary in school every day. We will be counting the number of reads the children have done each week. It has been fantastic to see most of the children begin to achieve their reading awards! We would encourage the children to read as much as they can at home as this skill will support all of their other learning.

Spellings:

The children will be set a new set of spellings to practice each week. These will be sent home each term, plus they will have access to Spelling Shed, where they can access spelling games linked to their specific spellings each week. New spellings will be introduced on a Wednesday by Mrs Henson, with a short quiz the following Tuesday with Miss Knight. We will also be working on the spelling rules each week in class.

Times Tables:

The children have begun their times tables journey and we will continue with our times table quiz on a Friday this term. The order in which the times tables are learnt are, 10, 2, 5, 3, 4, 8, 6, 7, 9, 11 then finally 12. It is important that your child can answer questions in any order and in reverse.

Forest School:

We have Forest School sessions on a Tuesday again for the first part of Spring term. Please send your child into school in normal uniform with a small bag containing: Tracksuit bottoms or leggings, waterproof trousers to go over the bottoms or leggings, additional waterproof coat, warm top, hat, gloves and scarf (when it is appropriate). Please also send in some waterproof shoes, if these are not already in school.

Please feel free to contact us via class dojo if you have any questions or concerns, alternatively please ring the school office.

Kind regards, Miss Knight and Mrs Henson

Spring Term in Year 3

English

To start the term, we will be looking at explanation texts, identifying how they are different to instructions and writing our own. We will then move onto winter themed poetry and learning how to write persuasively. After half term, we will be writing a descriptive narrative inspired by the book, 'Escape from Pompeii' and creating an information text about earthquakes.

The class will continue to refine and learn new grammar and punctuation techniques through our text inspired work and stand-alone lessons.

We will have a focused reading comprehension lesson each week, following the 'Complete Comprehension' scheme. As well as receiving a stand-alone spelling lesson each week to focus on spelling rules.

Maths

We start the new year with a topic on Multiplication and Division, developing our skills on multiplying and dividing two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. We then visit Length and Perimeter working with centimetres and millimetres. Finally, we will begin our work on Fractions. Mrs Henson will be covering a topic on Mass and Capacity on Wednesdays during the Spring term.

Science

Our New Year starts with a topic exploring light, understanding what a light source is, that light travels in straight lines and how shadows are formed. In Spring 2, we will cover our topic on Animals including humans, looking at food and nutrition, skeletons and muscles.

RE

During the first part of this term, we are looking at Inspirational leaders, learning about religious leaders in the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths. We will learn about them through stories and identify what qualities make them inspirational.

After half term, we will look at Kingdom of God, learning about the Pentecost in the run up to Easter.

Geography

In Spring 2, we will be learning about Earthquakes and Volcanoes. Learning about why, where and what to do when they happen.

History

In History, after half term we will be exploring the question: Why did the Romans settle in Britain? Throughout the topic we will explore the chronology of the Roman invasion on Britain, look at Roman soldiers and how the army were organised and use artifacts to make conclusions about Roman life.

PSHE

In PSHE, we start the new year with our Anti Racism Educational Program, learning about individuality, what is meant by identity, understand what makes our skin the colour it is, discover what it means to be anti-racist and develop strategies to challenge racism.

After half term, we will cover the topic, 'Me and My relationships', looking at the benefits of rules, identifying special people in our lives, looking at how we can solve problems, identifying qualities of friendship and learning to recognise other people's points of view.

PE

This half term, the children will take part in basketball and multi-skills. In the run up to Easter, the class will be developing their tennis skills and refine their technique in dance.

Music

This half term we will be exploring the Pentatonic Scale, exploring Chinese New Year. After half term, the children will be taken to the Caribbean through their music lessons.

Computing

This term, on a Thursday afternoon, Mr Clapham will be teaching the children about networks and the internet.

French

In French we will be continuing with our new scheme, in Year 3 we will be learning numbers, days of the week, colours and countries.

Art

After half term we will complete a unit of learning about cloth, thread and paint.

DT

We will take inspiration this half term from Chinese New Year, learning the basics of pneumatics and making our own moving Chinese Dragons.