

Year 3 Newsletter

Hello and Welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready for the new term.

Key Stage Two

As the children are now in Year 3 they have also joined Key Stage Two which means the daily time table is slightly different. The children now have a later morning playtime at 10.50 and then go to dinner ten minutes later at 12.10. There is no afternoon playtime for Key Stage Two. Whilst there is no afternoon play we have incorporated some 'Golden time' into the Year 3 timetable. Golden Time is a reward for good behaviour and remembering the Expected Rules, this is independent choosing time when your child may choose to play outside, on the iPads or with a game of their choice. We hope this will help with the transition into Year 3 and also promote the behaviour expected within the school.



Topic

The Topic this term is 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'. Within the topic we are learning about different plants and animals and the food chain. This will link into science where we will look at 'Animals' including humans. In English we will be looking at Roald Dahl books including Charlie and the Chocolate factory and Revolting Recipes, so look out for our own disgusting recipes and chocolate inventions! Within Maths we will start by looking at the place value of 3 digit numbers.



Reading



Within Key Stage Two we like the children to become more independent readers and develop a love of reading for pleasure! The children will be given lots of time in class to read and we try to hear individual readers as much as possible. We encourage the children to read and record what they have read at home and during school time independently and neatly in their reading diaries. The children will be given book review books where they will record their thoughts and brief information about books read. You can support your children with this and also continue to hear them and read to them at home as much as possible, discussing new vocabulary and themes within the books. We have developed reading lists for each year group with suggestions your child can read or have read to them which are suitable for the age phase. We also have guided reading sessions within class. We have recently signed up to Oxford Owl. Log on to their website and click on the 'My Class login' button and enter the following details to access free online books.

Username: year3lea

Password: oliveanderson

Times Tables

Times tables are an important part of the maths curriculum. Please could you support your child in learning these at home. The initial focus should be on developing the quick recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times table which were taught in previous years and then 3, 4 and 8 times table as they are introduced in Year 3. Your child will be introduced to the Year 3 times table challenge soon. They will be given a times table quiz each week and if they improve their score each week this is rewarded with team points and certificates. This encourages them to be confident in all times tables by the end of the year.

PE

PE is on Mondays and Fridays with Mondays being swimming (see separate letter) and Fridays outdoor PE based around invasion



games. PE kits (fully labelled) should be kept in school at all times in case timetables need to change. Children should have kits appropriate for both indoor and outdoor sessions.

Homework

Homework will be set on Mondays to be handed in the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings, maths activities and home reading time. The Literacy Shed have recently released a spelling app which is a fun way to learn the spelling on the year $\frac{3}{4}$ curriculum lists called to Spelling Shed. There will also be topic homework set which could be a termly project linked to the topic or a research activity to support work in lessons. Children will be given time within class to complete homework if needed. Children will bring home a homework book detailing any homework given.



Twitter

Don't forget to follow @year3lea on twitter. We try to update daily and it is a great way to see what your children have been doing all day. If you have already followed a class before you will be accepted but if you are new to twitter you will need to gain a form from the office to give details of your twitter account.

Evergreen

We are continuing the Evergreen Reward system across school. The children earn their evergreen and at the end of everyday your child will be given a green leaf to put on their evergreen chart. This is a reward for good behaviour every day. Acceptable and unacceptable behaviour has been discussed and agreed with the children within class.

Pencil Cases

We kindly request that the children do not bring their own pencil cases into school. The children are provided with all the equipment that they



need and we have found pencil cases can be distracting!

Drinks Bottles

Children are allowed water bottles within classroom. Could you please provide a water bottle for your child. We will ensure they are sent home regularly for cleaning!



Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hill and Miss Stanton