

Year 3 newsletter Summer 1

WELCOME BACK! I hope you've had a lovely Easter break and have enjoyed the spells of nice weather we had along with the opportunity to be able to see friends and family face to face again. I am thrilled to be teaching Year 3 and I am looking forward to the Summer term.

Our learning project title for this half term is Welcome the sun! It's a brilliant topic which I know the children will enjoy. Below is what the children will learn over the half term.

ENGLISH - This term we will be reading a fictional text called The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. This will be our main text this term and will eventually feed into their published piece of writing for this unit. We will also read various fiction and non fiction texts in guided reading and children will learn facts about History , this includes covering Neil Armstrong's life story.

MATHS—Number- Fractions, Measurement-Time, Geometry– Properties of shape, Mass and capacity.

SCIENCE -Light. The children will learn about natural and artificial light sources. This will include the sun. We will then move onto learning about how light works, reflection and shadows. This term will involve a lot of practical experiments.

HISTORY - Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron age.

ART and DT - Recycled Art– This will cover various artists such as Picasso and the children will get the opportunity to design and use recycled objects/paper to create their own art work and sculptures.

RE - Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today?

SPANISH - This term we will learn greetings, numbers and food.

MUSIC - Mr Williams will continue to visit and teach the children Music. Year 3 enjoyed his visits last term and I am sure they will continue to do so.

COMPUTING – Online Safety

PSHE - In PSHE we are exploring the topic 'Being my best' . We will discuss the differences between having a growth mind-set in comparison to a fixed mind-set. We will look at strategies that can help us overcome worry and create our class positive wall.

PE - Rounders.

OUTDOOR LEARNING is on Thursday. Please ensure your child has a change of footwear. If you want them to wear over trousers and a different coat, they may bring these on Mondays.
PE day is now on Wednesday. Your child should come to school in their PE kit.

HOMEWORK. Homework should be submitted weekly on Dojo. I don't mind which day your child submits their homework as long as they produce one piece per week. If they want to tackle some homework in more of a project based way, doing a bit each week, that's fine; post what they've done each week.

Your child should be reading, working on their times tables and learning their spellings daily. New spelling lists will be put on Dojo each Friday and will be tested the following Friday. If your child is working on individualised spellings with Mrs Fawcett, I will privately message you on Dojo with your child's new spelling list each Friday.

If your child's reading book needs changing, they should bring the book to school along with their green reading record.

DOJO will continue to be my primary route of communication so please ensure you're checking regularly for messages, reminders, updates and news. So you don't miss anything. You can also use the messages function to contact me directly. As always, if your message is urgent or has a direct impact on your child's day i.e. someone else is picking them up, please let me know on the door.

HOMEWORK IDEAS

- Write your own prehistoric adventure story. Will you set it in the Stone age, Bronze age or Iron age?
- Find out more about rock art – human markings places on natural stone
- Imagine you've just survived an earthquake. Write a short story about what happened. Make sure you include factual information about the strength of the earthquake. Use geographical words such as tremor, seismic isolator, aftershock and epicentre.
- What is the Richter Scale? Write a fact file about it.
- Design an earthquake proof house.
- Make a 3D model of a Bronze age settlement
- Make a model of Stonehenge
- Make a fact file about Stonehenge
- Create your own recycled art
- Make a poster about the importance of recycling