

Year 3 Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back after the half-term holiday. We are looking forward to another exciting half term in Year 3!

English

Our main focus for this half-term will be reading and writing non-chronological reports about the Iron Age. The children will be learning how to summarise texts, explain the meaning of new and unfamiliar words and retrieve information from Iron Age information books. They will then learn how to make notes and write their own information texts about the Iron Age.

You can help your child to succeed in English by:

- Listening to your child read their reading book regularly and discussing the text.
- Helping them to learn their spellings at the weekend, before their spelling test on Mondays.
- Using the reading questions that are now in your child's reading record to develop their understanding of the text.

Maths

In Maths, we will focus on fractions. We will be exploring equivalent fractions and comparing and ordering fractions. We will then move onto different areas of measurement where the children will be practically measuring the weight and capacity of different objects and converting units of measure.

You can help your child to succeed in Maths by:

- Continuing to practise times tables and division facts with your child for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables;
- Giving your child the opportunity to use Times Tables Rockstars at home;
- Supporting your child with their maths homework.

History

Our main focus this half term will be on the Iron Age. We will be looking at how iron was made and how things changed from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on emotional wellbeing, looking at our strengths and challenges that we face.

Geography

We will be learning all about the Caribbean and especially focusing on the islands of St. Lucia and Jamaica. We will be finding out about the landscape and will be identifying the physical and human features. We will also be thinking about Fair Trade and how this affects the farmers and workers of St. Lucia. We will also learn about how people from the Caribbean came to the UK and how their lives were changed.

Art

The children will be looking at Iron Age art with a focus on brooches. The children will design and plan their own Iron Age brooch and sculpt their brooch out of clay.

Science

We will be starting our new topic of 'Forces and Magnets'. We will explore magnetic forces and explain how they act at a distance. The children will investigate magnetic materials and begin to make links between them. As well as this, we will investigate what happens when two magnets are placed near each other, commenting on the two poles and how they interact. Finally, pupils will explore the impact of friction. They will use a friction ramp to investigate how the surface can affect the amount of friction acting on an object moving on it.

P.E

This half term we will be doing PE on Wednesdays and our unit of work is Netball. Your child must bring their PE kit in every Monday and then take it home every Friday. We will also be continuing with swimming every Tuesday morning. Maple class will be leaving at 9:00am and Willow class will be leaving at 9:30am. Please ensure your child comes to school on Tuesdays wearing their swimming costume under their uniform and with a towel and underwear in a bag. Maple class can bring in fruit to have after swimming.

French

The children will be learning how to say the days of the week in French and finding out how Easter is celebrated in France.

Homework

- Topic homework will be given every Friday and should be returned by the following Monday.
- Maths homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and should be completed and handed in by Friday.

- The children will bring home their spellings on Friday to practice over the weekend, ready for the test on Monday.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for school, including PE kit. Also, please make sure that all items of school uniform are labeled with your child's name, so that any lost clothing can be returned to the right child quickly. School shoes should be **black or grey**.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school attendance target is 97%. The children are working very hard to make sure that each class in Year 3 meets this target. Please remember that the school doors open at 8.45am and closes at 8:55am. Any child who arrives after 8:55 is classed as late. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dates for your diary:

- Parents' evening - You should have received a ping before the half term to book your appointment. Dates of parents evening are **Wednesday 1st March** and **Tuesday 7th March**, from 4:00-6:30pm both nights. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long.
- **Wednesday 1st March** - Y3 Caribbean Steel Pan Music Workshops in school
- **Thursday 2nd March** - World Book Day
- **Friday 31st March** - Last day of term and Easter R.E. Themed Day

The Year 3 Team:

Mrs Scarfe, Miss Valencia,
Mrs Flory and Mrs Yousaf