



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to your child's last term in Year 3 - I cannot believe how quick this year has gone! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break with your friends and families and are looking forward to the new term ahead! Below you will find some reminders and useful information to support your child throughout this term. We do try to stick to these weekly routines whenever possible and will always notify you if there are any changes to the schedule.

Curriculum:

Our *Geography* topic for this term is *What would we find at the end of a river?* children learn about the features of rivers, and the natural and human ways that rivers change over time. In *History* we will be studying the *Ancient Greeks* and learning about who they were, why were they important and what do we remember about them. Our *Science* focus this term is *Sound* and the children will learn about how vibrations cause sounds and how sounds travel, as well as how sounds can change pitch and loudness. You can access our curriculum overview on our class page on the school website if you would like to find out more about what we are learning this term.

Reading:

- ✚ Children are encouraged to read at home at least three times each week. Please note in the school planner when your child has read, the page number reached and any comment you may wish to make.
- ✚ School planners will be checked and signed at least once a week. These form an important part of our home/ school communication so please write in them regularly.
- ✚ All children will take part in guided reading activities on a daily basis and be heard reading individually by a member of the LKS2 team at least once every two weeks. To help us achieve this please can you ensure your child has their reading book and diary with them in school every day.
- ✚ Please try to read with your child on a regular basis; research shows that even 10 minutes a day can have a significant impact on a child's academic progress. As well as listening to your child read, please do try and find the time to read and share books with them as well. We always encourage children to read a range of different materials and books, not just their school reading books. The local libraries are an excellent way to encourage and support reading for pleasure. These can also be noted in the reading section of the school planners.

Spellings:

- ✚ Spellings will be uploaded to *Google classroom* each week on a Friday. The children will then be tested on them the following Friday using *Spelling Frame*.
- ✚ Spellings will focus on either a particular spelling rule/pattern or will be taken from the statutory word list.
- ✚ Please try to help your child to look at these words, pointing out any particular patterns that will help them to remember them. Many children find learning spellings very challenging so this should be low key and a fun few minutes.

Times Tables:

- ✚ We will be having a big focus on times tables this year to ensure the children are prepared for the Multiplication Times tables Check they will sit at the end of Year 4. Times Tables Rockstars will continue again this year, to support the children's learning and the children will all have their own individual login, which can be found in the front of their school planners.
- ✚ As you will know the school has also invested in Numbots, an app produced by the makers of Time Tables Rockstars. This app supports children's quick recall of addition and subtraction facts and we are encouraging children to play this alongside Times Tables Rockstars.

Homework:

- ✚ Homework will be set on a Friday and this should be completed by the following Wednesday. Please sign your child's planner once it's completed.
- ✚ Homework will alternate between a Maths or an English activity, linked to the unit of work they are covering in class, so they should be able to complete the activity independently. However, if your child feels they need some extra support to complete the activity they should ask in school asap.

PE:

- ✚ The children will have PE on a Monday and a Friday this term. Following on from last year the children will be allowed to come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. Please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit (house coloured top and black/blue shorts rather than just sports clothing).
- ✚ Please remember to tie back long hair and wear no jewellery for safety reasons.
- ✚ Swimming sessions will continue this term until the end of the school year, lessons will start on Friday 17th April. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits and bring with them a small bag containing a swimming costume, towel and/or goggles.
- ✚ If you are able to volunteer your time on a Friday morning to help us walk the children to the pool then we would be very grateful for your support. Please just speak to myself for more information.

If there are ever any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch, either by popping in or telephoning. The support you give is essential for your child's progress and the closer we can work together the better it will be for them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Hewitson