



Spring 2 Term in Year 3



We hope you've all had a lovely half term! We continue to work in partnership with you, ensuring that your child has a happy and successful time in Year 3. You are welcome to see us each morning at the classroom door. Please note, Seesaw messages are not checked during the school day, so urgent messages (E.g alternative pick-up/ sickness etc) must continue to go via the office.

Please find an update below about this term's curriculum and how you can best support your child in Year 3.

Topics we are learning about this half term:

- Geography – The Rainforest
- Science – Amazing Bodies (cont.)
- DT – Pneumatics
- RE – Morals
- Maths – Multiplication and division.
- English – 'Charlie Changes into a Chicken'
- Computing – Emails

PE

- Mrs Capstick's class will have swimming on Wednesday afternoons and should come to school in their P.E kits for this.
- Miss Johnstone's class will have P.E every Tuesday with the class teacher, and every Wednesday with Mr. Duncalf

Planners/Reading

Planners will be checked weekly for the previous week's daily reading and rewards given to those children who have read at least 4 times. Please record all reading in planners and include the name of the book and pages read.

Children who are reading Phonics books, will keep their book for 2 weeks to allow for lots of re-reading, allowing them to build up fluency and sight-reading skills. They will have an additional book to read with an adult, which they can change as often as they like.

Bridge Builders

This term's value is Responsibility. An example is: *"I can record my own home reading in my planner"*.

Homework

Homework continues to be sent home as follows:

- **English** – Reading is expected to be done four times per week and noted in your child's planner. They can fill this in themselves and you can initial next to this entry. If your child has read four or more times in a week, they are given a raffle ticket and entered into a draw to win a book each half term!
- **Spelling** – Spelling homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Friday, practising our weekly sound. We will continue to give out 5 spelling words on a Monday for a test on Friday. You will find these in their planner.
- **Times Tables Rockstars** - we encourage the children to practise for at least 30 minutes over the week to prepare themselves for the statutory multiplication test at the end of Year 4. Please support your child with achieving their white bands initially, which is their 2s, 5s and 10s timetables and related division facts e.g., $2 \times 10 = 20$, $20 \div 10 = 2$. We are now moving on to Red Band, which is the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.