

Year 3 Spring 1 Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you've had a good Christmas.

Reading – Reading continues as last term, and children are still expected to read at **least four times a week for about 20 minutes**. Remember to sign your child's reading diary, or you can allow your child themselves to record the book title and page numbers to help them with independence. I was very impressed again that last half term every child met their reading target and took part in the reading treat, and I hope to see the same this half term! Your child's reading target will be in their reading diary, and it is also displayed in AR when you quiz. I monitor targets closely and will send a text reminder out after 3-4 weeks if your child is not on track to complete successfully.

English – This half term we will be looking at the author Enid Blyton and focusing on the book 'The Enchanted Wood'. We will look at the genre of adventure and mystery writing and will look at how Enid uses description in her books to help build imagery in our minds. We will also look at how direct speech is punctuated and how story writing is different to a fact file.

Maths – Our Maths lessons will continue to develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving. This half term we will be focusing on multiplication, division, length and perimeter.

Science – This half term we will be looking at food groups and how we need a balance of foods to keep us healthy.

History – We will be looking at the ancient civilization of Indus and how their early inventions of irrigation, drainage, wells, and trade shaped our world today.

Geography – In geography we will look at how the United Kingdom is split into counties and focus on Cheshire. We will continue looking at OS map symbols and focus on the 8 points of a compass.

DT – This half term we are focusing on nutrition which links to science. We will design and make dips for crunchy vegetables, and of course will enjoy tasting them! In the next week or so I will be asking for a donation of 50p to cover the cost of ingredients.

PE – Our PE days this half term are changing to **Wednesday** and **Thursday** and the children will be taught by Mrs Kirk. Pupils are asked to come to school in their Scholar Green PE kits on their PE days once again. A PE kit consists of black shorts/leggings/skort, a Scholar Green PE T-shirt and trainers. Please do not send your child to school in a football kit/jeans/inappropriate footwear on their PE days. PE T-shirts can be purchased from www.myschoolstyle.com. Please ensure your child has long hair tied back if applicable and jewellery is removed including earrings.

Each day at lunchtime, Mrs Kirk will be running PE clubs on the playground or field. These will change on a weekly basis and there will be no need to sign up in advance. Children will be able to join in as and when they would like to. To take part children will need their trainers only, but you may prefer to send your child into school in their PE kit on those days.

RE – RE lessons will focus on Islam, the 99 name of Allah and how Muhammad (PBUH) was a prophet.

PSHE – Our focus is on rules both in school and society, and what the consequences are if rules are broken. There will also be lessons on internet safety and if everything we see or read online is true.

Junior Jam – The Junior Jam teachers will still be in school on Wednesdays and they will deliver lessons in music, computing and French.

Homework – Homework will be sent home on Thursdays, to be completed and returned on the following Tuesday. Please continue with TTRS games to help develop times table skills.

Y3&4 Production of The Wemmicks – We will begin rehearsals this half term to prepare for our performances on March 12th and 14th. Your child may be getting a script with their lines highlighted for their character, and a letter will follow shortly with information about costumes, props and tickets etc.

I have an open door policy so if you have any concerns please come to speak to me, usually the end of the day is easier as I have more time then. My email address is below and I would encourage you to use this as another way of getting in touch.

Kind Regards,

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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
08.01.24	SCHOOL OPENS Year 4 & 6 History Workshops in school
15.01.24	After School Clubs Start Swimming Pool Arrives at School
24.01.24	Year 6 SATs Meeting
29.01.24	Swimming Lessons Begin
05.02.24	Nursery Stay and Play Week (parents invited) – 9:00-9:45am (Information to follow)
06.02.24	Safer Internet Day Year 1 Educational Visit – Stoke City
08.02.24	EYFS Book & Brioche
15.02.23	PTA Disco (Dependant upon volunteers)