

Year 3 Summer Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break.



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 soon, 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 look at the book 'Despereaux' by Kate DiCamillo and will write a character description using adjectives and conjunctions. We will also look at shape poems and calligrams. Spelling and grammar skills will be taught and implemented into the different writing genres and through our phonics sessions. Our summer term author is Kate DiCamillo.

Maths - Our Maths lessons will continue to develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving. We will be focusing on multiplication and division and money.

Science - This half term we will be looking at light and shadows. This will involve an investigation into why shadows appear to move throughout the day and links to maths work on graphs and interpreting data.

History - We will be looking at the Bronze Age and how this develops on from the Stone Age. We will explore their tools, weapons and homes through pictures of archaeological sites and investigate how they have influenced our lives today.

Geography - In Geography we will look at volcanoes and how they are formed and why they erupt. We will use map skills and locate mountain ranges, fault lines and volcanoes in the world.

DT - This half term is Design and Technology and we are looking at levers, linkages and pivots. We will design and make a moving monster using card strips and split pins.

RE - We will be focusing on Judaism this half term.

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

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.

Homework - There is a new homework menu for the summer term. As before, please try to complete a range of work, using the English, Maths, Topic and Life Skills sections. Books will go out on a Thursday, and please make sure it is back in school by **Tuesday at the latest**. If homework is handed in late, I cannot guarantee that it will be marked.

If you have any concerns then please get in touch with me at the classroom door or via email.

Kind Regards,

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
15.04.24	School Opens
18.04.24	Class & Team Photos
22.04.24	After School Clubs Start
23.04.24	St George's Day – Pupils allowed to wear uniforms from community clubs
13.05.24	Year 6 SATs – NO HOLIDAYS PLEASE
20.05.24	Whole School Assessment Week – No Holidays Please
22.05.24	PTA Disco
24.05.24	School Closes