

Year 3 Newsletter

Your child has made a wonderful start to the year.

We are delighted with the way all the children are settling in. Here is some information about Autumn / half Term.



We have been spending time transitioning into Year 3 and our new routines. We have focused on our wellbeing and feelings alongside our Math, English and other curriculum subjects.



This term our topic is...

Extreme Earth!

To kick-start our big bang we "survived" the great eruption of Pompeii. We can't wait to learn more about all the different natural disasters that could befall our Earth.

Our core text for this half term will be *'Escape from Pompeii'* which is going to link nicely and closely with our Topic and give us the opportunity to write both an exciting narrative and some informative texts.

Spelling Patterns: Revisiting key stage 1 spelling: suffixes, prefixes, contractions and "ei".

This half term we are going to focus on encouraging children to develop a range of personal strategies to support them with their statutory year 3 and 4 spelling words.

Please practise spellings at home with your children using the family learning to support.

In Science, we will be learning about materials; specifically; rocks, fossils and soil. Children will explore rocks and their properties. They will find out how fossils are made and look into their history. They will learn about the different layers of soil and how different areas have different soils.



Useful Information:

- Please ensure your child is in school on time, ready to start at **8:45am**. Y3 read every day and the earlier they arrive, the more reading miles they can get.
- Ensure your child is reading everyday. It is also important to read books to your child so that they can enjoy listening to vocabulary and stories.
- Y3 PE is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. At Chisenhale, we expect the children to come into school wearing their PE kit which includes navy/black joggers with a blue T-Shirt. For safety reasons, it is important that they wear suitable footwear such as trainers or plimsolls. Long hair needs to be tied up for PE and earrings need to be removed or covered.



- We encourage children to have a water bottle in their classroom with their name on it every day.

Times Tables: Following Year 3, your child should be fluent in the 2, 5 and 10 times table. This year we will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times table to prepare for the year 4 multiplication test which will take place next year. We would appreciate your continued support to help practice times tables at home with your children. Some ways you can help at home are:

- Asking questions such as "what's 2 x 8?"
- Using games resource your pupil has access to such as mathletics and maths factor
- Singing times tables songs (there are loads online)



Talk to your child about their day and ask them lots of questions about their exciting learning.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of your child's teachers at the end of the day or email them at: teachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk