



Year 3 news!

Dear parents,

It has been a very successful start to a new school year in year 3. The children have settled in wonderfully, are enjoying being back together and the children are already engrossed in our topic, 'Heroes and Villains'.

Throughout the term, we will be covering a range of the curriculum within our topic. In English, we will be exploring a range of genres including, comic strips, traditional tales, diary entries, informal letters, myths and legends and descriptive narrative. Alongside this, children will be taught GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling). In term one, the focus will be homophones and word classes such as adverbs, nouns, verbs and adjectives.

In Maths there will be a huge focus on place value; number recognition up to 1000, recognising the value of each digit in a number and partitioning. We will then move on to addition and subtraction methods.

Foundation subjects such as History, Music, Art and DT will mainly be taught in the afternoons. In History, we will be learning about local heroes based on historic events. Also, we will be learning how to plan, design and make products such as a superhero mask in DT and practise our collage and painting skills in Art. Furthermore, the children will learn about the artist Andy Warhol and interpret his Pop Art technique. Music will also allow for interpretation as the children will have the chance to listen and respond to a range of music and learn the effect of a change of dynamics, pitch and tempo. In addition, the question that we will be exploring in RE this term is, 'What is it like to follow God?'

Finally, Computing will consist of programming alongside e-safety and in Science we will be learning all about light. This will give children opportunities to explore how light travels, is sourced and how shadows are formed.

What an action-packed term! As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please send me a message via class dojo, email or contact the school office.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to working with you all this year.

PE



To eliminate changing, it has been agreed that children come to school in their full PE kit on PE days. In year 3, this will be a Monday and Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child wears dark, plain shorts and a white t-shirt. They may also wear a dark coloured tracksuit when the weather is colder.

Class Dojo



Please regularly check Class Dojo! We shall be posting updates, news and reminders regularly. It will also be used as a main way to contact you direct through sending a message, should we need to communicate with you.

If you are not yet signed up to Class Dojo, or have trouble accessing it, please contact us via the school office ASAP so that we can help you get setup.

Spellings



As part of homework, your child will have six spellings to practise each week and will receive these on a Monday. These will then be tested in their spelling book the following Monday. It is therefore imperative that your child's spelling book is in school every Monday.

Healthy eating



Please note that snacks for break time should be fruit/veg only and drinks in the classroom (other than a lunchtime drink) should be water only.

Library



Year 3 will have the chance to explore our new library on a Friday. Therefore, if your child has taken a library book home, it will need to be returned to school on that day.

Times Table Rockstars



Your child will soon be receiving their individual login for Times Table Rockstars (TTRS). This will enable them to logon to the free app or the desktop website and practise their times tables.

Reading books



Your child needs to bring their book to school each day. They will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.