



Year 3 Spring Newsletter 2023

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the term ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

Our Topics this Term

English: We will be reading 'The Iron Man' (by Ted Hughes) and 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' (by Elspeth Graham and Mal Peet).

Maths: Multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, mass and capacity.

CLC: For the first half of the Spring term we will be looking at the continent, Europe. We will be looking at lots of different countries and their topographical features, identifying the key physical and human features, as well as comparing these to the UK. We will also be using our D&T skills to design, make and evaluate a slingshot car.

In the second half of the Spring term we will be locating and studying oceans and mountains across the world. We will be using atlases and online resources to further the children's understanding in this area. In addition to this, we will also be developing our art skills by trying a range of drawing materials, beginning to demonstrate expressive marks by trying tools in an interesting way.

R.E: Journeys, Listening & Sharing and Giving All.

Science: We will be learning about Light and Dark. In Spring 2, we will then be moving on to Forces and Magnets.

Homework Expectations

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	RE	Flipped Curriculum
Reading daily for 15-20 minutes.	Spelling Shed (You will have 10 words to revise - use Spelling Shed as much as you can).	Grammar CGP book (Complete the pages set by the teacher each week).	Maths Shed (Using your Spelling Shed login).	Times table Rock Stars (As much as you can).	Complete weekly page in the homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.	Complete 2 tasks per half term (from the homework sheet).

Where to access the homework:

- Maths homework - We are using Maths Shed. You can access the homework using your Active Learn logins - <https://www.edshed.com/>
- Spelling homework can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).
- Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).





- Reading homework - We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. Reading records need to be signed and brought into school daily.

PE Timetable	
St John's	Every Tuesday and Thursday
St Jude's	Every Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit. We encourage children to come to school with a refillable water bottle (no single-use plastic bottles please) to keep hydrated throughout the day. During the Spring term the weather will be colder. In order to ensure the children are comfortable in outside sessions, please ensure they have the correct winter kit. This includes tracksuit bottoms and a P.E. jumper.

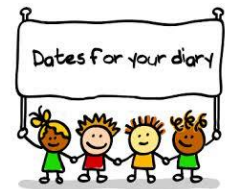
Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office – Addressed to Mrs. Butler.

Important dates

- Thursday 5th January – Children return to school
- Friday 6th January – Christmas Concert (Postponed from December)
- Monday 6th February - Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 7th February - Parents' Evening
- Friday 10th February - INSET Day = No School for the children
- 13th – 19th February - Half Term

- Monday 20th February - Children return to school
- Friday 17th March - Science Dress Up Day
- Friday 31st March - Easter Egg Hunt
Last day of the Spring Term



Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!

