



Year 3 Spring Newsletter 2024

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas break. We hope that you had a happy time celebrating this special season. Thank you for all your kind messages, cards and gifts over the Christmas season – they are greatly appreciated!

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: Can we Explore Europe? 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.

What are Oceans and Mountains? 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.

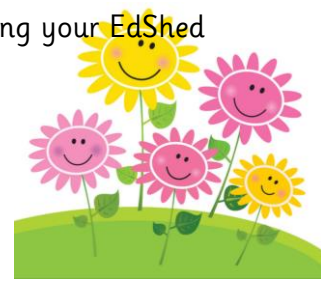
Science: We will be learning about Light and Dark. In Spring 2, we will then be moving on to Forces and Magnets.

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 EdShed login).	Times table Rock Stars (At least 20 minutes per week).	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 EdShed logins - <https://www.edshed.com/>





- **Spelling homework** can be found on EdShed - <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.**

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. 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.

Important dates

Friday 26th January - Coffee morning

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th February - Face to Face Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday Service (Year 1 -6)

Friday 16th February - Inset Day (School Closed)

Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February - Half-term Break

Friday 1st March - Coffee Morning

Thursday 7th March - Lent Penitential Mass (Year3 & 1)

Friday 8th March - World Book Day Dress up

Friday 15th March - Science Dress Up Day

Thursday 21st March - Easter Mass (Reception –Year 6)

Thursday 28th March - Coffee morning (Easter Crafting)

Thursday 28th March - Curriculum Celebration afternoon and End of Term reports

Friday 29th March - Bank Holiday (School closed)

Monday 2nd – Friday 12th April - Easter Break

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

