

Year 3 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope that you had a fantastic holiday and would like to wish you a happy and successful year for 2017! We have our very first class assemblies this Spring or Summer Term. Parents are invited to watch the show at 9:00 in the junior hall. They are on:

3KM class assembly: 5 May 2017
3PG class assembly: 17 March 2017
3HE class assembly: 10 February 2017
3AV class assembly: 16 June 2017



We hope to see you there!

How to Help

Year 3 is having another 'How to Help' Session for parents. The session is on January 17th from 9:00-9:30 in the junior hall. The focus of this session is on Maths and how to support your child using our mathematical strategies.

Homework and Spellings

As a reminder, homework is set every Friday and will generally consist of maths, which your child can now do on-line using Mymaths and a language based activity. Homework will be due back the following **Wednesday** (if your child wishes to bring it in any earlier that is fine). Please could you help by insisting that the children's homework is presented attractively (e.g. clear *joined* handwriting to be done in pencil not felt tips/coloured pencils or biro, titles underlined, taking care with diagrams and colouring). Some children put a fantastic effort into their homework, taking time and care with their projects-well done to those children!

Reading At Home

Reading continues to be a major focus this term. Reading is one of the most *important* things that children learn to do at primary school and we cannot stress enough its importance in a child's education: research shows that children who read regularly to parents make *greater* progress!



Your child should be reading every day at school and at home for at least **10 minutes** every night. Please remember have your child write a comment in the Reading Record and have it signed by an adult. Your child will receive a reward for every 10 signatures received - rewards range from fun stickers to a variety of pencils. This year, the children have been doing a fantastic job-keep it up!



Topics for the Spring Term

Below is information regarding the spring term content for Year 3:

Science: Magnets and Forces; Movement and Feeding

History: The Ancient Greeks

Literacy Units: Greek Myths and Legends; Non-fiction Information; Oral Tales; The Minpins; Fiction stories

Maths Units: Addition and Subtraction with the column method; Multiplication using the grid method; Bus Stop Division; Money; Angles; Measuring mass; Fractions and Bar Charts.

PE Changes

Class teachers are particularly concerned that a large number of children do not have long leggings or **jogging bottoms** to use during outdoor PE. Please provide a pair of jogging bottoms to ensure they stay warm! Each class has indoor and outdoor PE each week and they must have appropriate clothes for both lessons.

PE Days have changed for the Spring Term.

3KM Indoor PE: Wednesday Outdoor PE: Thursday

3AV Indoor PE: Wednesday Outdoor PE: Monday

3HE Indoor PE: Friday Outdoor PE: Monday

3PG Indoor PE: Fridays Outdoor PE: Wednesday

Thank you

We would also like to say a big 'thank you,' for your fantastic support in helping with last term's research project on Brazil - children from all four classes produced some outstanding high quality work and thoroughly enjoyed showing what they learned on their 'Brazil Day'.

Finally, we are looking forward to a happy and successful Spring term!

All teachers in year 3 team are available immediately after school should you have any queries or problems. Please feel free to approach us!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 3 Teachers

