

# Year 3 Spring Newsletter



## Our School Rules

***Be safe. Be kind.***

***Be responsible.***



## Welcome back everyone!

The Year Three Team would like to welcome all pupils and parents/carers back to a new Year! The children have already made great progress in the Autumn term building their independent learning skills and self-confidence so they can become life-long learners. We know this will continue in the Spring term.

## Our learning this half term

**Maths** – Children will start the half term focusing on multiplication and division. This term, we will continue with learning our 2,3,5, and 10 times tables and start learning our 3s, 4s and 8s. This will help the children when we focus on more formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Later in the term, we will be learning about measure and perimeter.

**English**– We will begin by writing a monster story linked to mythical beasts, as well as engaging in other writing genres throughout the term. There will continue to be a heavy focus on developing our grammar and punctuation skills in Year 3. We will also be looking at a range of Non-fiction genres like letters and non-chronological reports.

**Geography** – This term, we are all very excited to be learning about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will continue looking at maps and to understand how our Earth is made. The children have loved looking at Google Earth and this is something you could continue to do together at home.

**History** – We will be setting a lot of our work around the topic of Ancient Greece. We will be looking at how they lived and comparing their life to ours. We will be looking at different sources of information and evaluating their effectiveness.

**Science**– Our science for this half term is 'Fossils and Soils' We will use observation skills to understand some similarities and differences. In the second half of the term we will learn about Light sources, the Sun , how we see and we will be conducting a shadow experiment.

**Other subjects**- We will also be developing our knowledge of Christianity in RE, understanding the importance of the Bible and Jesus to Christians. In Art, we will be exploring clay and using a range of techniques. The children will also continue their French learning. During music we are learning to play the ukulele. During RES/PSHE we will be learning about health and wellbeing and then about how our bodies change.

**'Learning to Learn'** - We are continuing to promote Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: determination, effort and never giving up! Children will also develop their reflection skills. This is where the children will be taught to look at the work they have done, and think about how they could make it even better next time.

## Reading

Reading is a vital skill for learning. The best readers are those that read outside of school and talk about what they have read. We encourage the children to be able to re-read their books and to know the sentence they have read in order to improve their fluency. Therefore, we expect children to read at home at least 3 times a week. Please make sure your child has their book in school every day.

Children can record any reading that they do in their reading logs, not just the book they bring home from school. This could be newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals or manuals. To promote a love of reading, please share other books with your child. These could be from home or the local library, and count as one of their 3 weekly reads

## Home Learning

Each week we would like you to go on TTRS. If you find it difficult to get onto TTRS use paper to rehearse multiplication and division facts.

## Other ideas you can explore at home

- Practise maths in everyday life by telling the time, counting money and giving change.
- Practise skip counting in 3s 4s and 8s.
- Continue to practise letter formations and letter joins ensuring letters are an appropriate size.
- Play games which involve sharing and turn-taking.
- Encourage your child to share new French words and phrases they learn with you at home.
- Research facts about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.
- Research facts about Ancient Greece
- Keep a diary/scrap book with pictures, writing and drawings.

We really love seeing the work you do at home. You can bring it in to school or post it on DOJO.

## Dates

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**- The Ancient\_Greece workshop, we have sent the letter with extra information, dressing up suggestions and permission form on Dojos.

## Drinks

Children should bring a named water bottle to school. These can be refilled with water during the school day. If your child brings a packed lunch, we recommend that they bring a juice bottle or carton in their lunch box to take into the lunch hall. Their separate water bottle can remain in the classroom, to reduce the risk of missing water bottles.

## Snacks

Children in Key Stage Two need to bring their own healthy snack for break time, preferably fruit.

We are looking forward to an exciting spring term. Year Three team.