

Spring Term in Year 3

Welcome back to the start of a new school term. A huge Thank You for all the lovely presents you gave us for Christmas. We hope you and your children have had an enjoyable break. As always we have a busy term ahead of us with lots of new experiences for the children. We hope the following curriculum information will be of use to you over the coming months.

This is a brief overview of what we will be covering this term in Year 3.	
Spring Term 2018	
ENGLISH	Stories with historical settings linked to the Egyptians, adventure story writing, report writing and diary writing. Grammar and sentence development work.
MATHEMATICS	Multiplication and Division (x2, x5, x10, x3, x4, x8) fractions, money, statistics, measurement, data handling and problem solving.
SCIENCE	Forces and The Human Body and the importance of healthy eating and exercise.
HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY	The Ancient Egyptians
ART	Sketch book work, drawing skills, printing and painting, with links to our Egyptians Topic.
ICT	Programming and game developing.
D/T	Designing and Making a Healthy Meal
RE	Why are festivals important to religious communities?
PE	Movement Skills linked to Games, Dance (Indoor) and Swimming.
FRENCH	Animals, parts of the body, numbers and counting, days of the week and storytelling.

New for this term:

Swimming and Manchester United Foundation

This term we will have the Manchester United Foundation coaches in to work alongside us in delivering PE sessions. In February both classes will start their swimming lessons. More information will be sent out in a letter nearer the time. Both classes receive approx. 8 weeks of lessons and will need help walking to the pool.



A few reminders:

Reading Books

Your child should still be bringing home a reading book on a regular basis. Please make time to read the books together at home and discuss the content. They are still at a very early stage of independent reading, and common errors can still creep in and become common practice if not detected early. It is always the case that children make better progress with their reading and comprehension skills when they are supported by their parents.



Homework

Homework will be set each holiday, with the occasional “MyMaths”, “Bug Club” or class task. If your child is unable to access their “Bug Club” or “My Maths” homework, they must remember to attend Homework Club during lunchtimes. In an attempt to improve independent spelling in the context of writing, spellings will be sent home on Wednesdays for the children to learn at home to be tested the following week.

Uniform / PE Kit

Please ensure that school uniform is clearly labelled with your child’s name. PE is on a Monday and Wednesdays **however please ensure children have a pump bag in school** as there will be occasions when our PE slots will move. Please ensure that your child’s pump bag contains pumps/trainers, black shorts and a yellow or white T-shirt. If the weather permits we hope to have at least one outdoor P.E lesson each week, therefore you may wish to also send warm outdoor P.E kit to school with your child.

Start and End of Day

Mornings are busy and we would like the children to enter the school promptly in order to settle on their morning starter and handwriting tasks so can we please remind you that school starts at 8.50am. In order to become more independent, children must enter school, put their belongings into their lockers and walk to their classrooms by themselves.

Finally we are really looking forward to all the new topics and extra activities we have planned for this term, and as the weather improves it will be exciting to take some of our learning outdoors. We hope your child enjoys their learning this term, but if any issues or concerns do arise, please do not hesitate to speak to us about any aspect of your child’s time in school or learning. We will always do our best to deal with any issues. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs M. Driver and Mr D. Belfield