

Information for Parents / Carers of Year 3

Spring Term 2019 Class Teacher: Mr Powley Class: 3P

The children have settled back into school really well and have made a super start to the Spring Term. The information below is designed to help you and your child get the most out of the current term. If there is anything you are unsure about or if you want extra help/support in any area, please do not hesitate to come into school and have a chat.

This Term's Information

Area	Information
Cross-Curricular Topic (Including History Geography, Art, DT)	Our major topic and theme throughout the Spring Term is the Ancient Greeks. This is a cross-curricular unit of study, encompassing history, English, art and ICT. There will also be a geography focus as we look at the British Isles and Europe, helping us to understand the landscape and location of Greece.
English	<p>This term, we will particularly focus on myths and fables, poetry and information texts. Through the study of these units, children will develop their skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening. Work on presentational skills will be ongoing throughout the year. The children will begin writing in pen.</p> <p>Spelling and handwriting skills will be taught weekly; weekly spellings to learn at home will arise from these sessions.</p>
Reading	<p>In Year 3 it is very important that your child continues to read at home on a daily basis in order to develop their decoding skills, fluency and expression. Discussing the content of your child's book is invaluable in developing their comprehension skills. We aim to instil a love of reading and will encourage your child to experience as many different genres and authors as possible. Your child will bring home a school reading book but we also encourage the children to follow their own interests (comics, magazines, library books etc.). Remember the value of bedtime stories too!</p> <p>Reading is the most important homework your child can do!</p> <p>In school the children will study a ranged of guided reading texts and completed related tasks. They will also read independently and to an adult where they will discuss their reading.</p>

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<p>Maths</p>	<p>Maths teaching will continue at an appropriate level of challenge for your child. Children will continue to develop key number skills, particularly with place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be working on aspects of multiplication and division, doubling and halving, and fractions. The children will also be developing their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, including perimeter, and time.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on multiplication tables; the children will benefit greatly from regular home support and practice in this area. Many children will be moving on to learning related division facts.</p> <p>There are many other ways to support your child in the development of Maths skills such as shopping, cooking, board games, telling the time.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Our topics this term will be Light and Plants. Investigative work will continue to focus on fair testing and using results to draw conclusions.</p>
<p>Computing (formerly ICT)</p>	<p>The class will be working in the computer suite using a range of programs including Microsoft Publisher, Photostory and developing coding skills through programs such as Scratch. The children will also develop their Internet research skills through our Greek topic. Through all these units they will develop their keyboard skills and their ability to retrieve, amend and save files. We will also cover the issues around e-safety with your child, particularly during Internet Safety Week. (Week commencing 4th February)</p>
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Until half term, our PE sessions with Mr Maylard-Mason and me will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit, including a pair of tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt and change of socks to wear in PE, particularly now the weather is colder. The children will go outside in most weathers! It is helpful for the children to keep their PE kits in school all week. From half term, the Wednesday PE session will become a weekly swimming lesson on Thursday afternoons.</p>
<p>Swimming</p>	<p>Year 3 will begin swimming with the Year 5 children after half term. The first session will be on Thursday 28th February. Our class will swim on Thursday afternoons. Children will need a one piece swimming costume or fitted trunks and a towel. If your child wishes to wear goggles, a permission slip will be sent out in the near future, along with a more detailed letter regarding swimming. If you are able to help walk the children up to swimming and observe at poolside during the lesson, please contact the school as soon as possible.</p>

Music	Mr Parnell will teach music for 30 minutes every Friday morning, covering aspects of singing, composition and listening.
French	French will be taught for 30 minutes a week by Mrs Broster. This will include the teaching of basic vocabulary, finger rhymes, songs and stories as well as developing their cultural understanding.
R.E.	Our RE work this term will be based around the theme of Easter.
Homework	<p>The most important and effective homework you can engage in with your child is reading. Ten or twenty minutes reading a night is not a huge amount of time, but the benefits will be long lasting and have an impact on every area of the curriculum.</p> <p>In addition the children will have regular homework as set out below.</p> <p><i>Maths:</i> Children will need to practise their focus times table for a test each Thursday.</p> <p><i>Spelling:</i> Lists will be given to learn on Friday for a test on the following Friday. They will also be expected to write each word within a sentence to help develop their understanding of the words and their sentence construction skills. Occasionally the sentence task will be replaced by a spelling challenge.</p> <p><i>Other homework:</i> Every Wednesday the children will be set a homework task. This will usually consist of a short activity linked to the work carried out in school. Homework is due in by the following Wednesday.</p>
Trips and special days	On Tuesday 2 nd April we will be going on an Ancient Greek themed day to 'The Collection' in Lincoln to enrich our History topic.

I hope your child will have an enjoyable Spring Term.

Please remember if you have any worries or concerns please come and see me before 8:50am or after school. Alternatively, send a note or contact the office to make an appointment to see me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Powley