

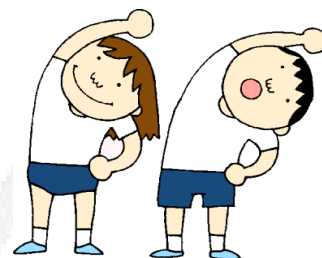
Spring - Term 3 and 4 – Year 3 Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We all hope you had a great Christmas and wish you and your families all the best for 2016. We hope you had a good break from school and that the children are well rested and ready for another hard working term.

PE Kit:

PE days in Term 3 will be **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** and in term 4 will be **Thursdays and Fridays**. Your child's kit needs to be in school every day just in case these sessions change for any reason. Please make sure that they have navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and appropriate warm clothing for going outside. Feel free to take your child's kit home on a Friday if it needs washing but do please remember to send it back in on a Monday. Please remember to label all PE kit, school tops, jumpers and trainers/shoes. This is also important for all uniform and coats.



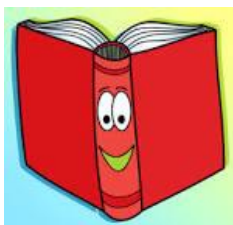
Homework:

This is unchanged from last term, though occasionally there may be additional work given. Children should use homework books to complete work in, unless they are given specific instructions otherwise. Year 3 homework is set and handed in as detailed below:

Tuesday – MyMaths online homework or a piece of maths homework to be completed by the following Monday. Times tables will also be tested every Friday – children should be learning division facts alongside times tables. They should be able to recall these facts at speed and in a random order. MyMaths has a great random question generator to help practise. Hit the Button, which can be found on the following link, <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>, is also a great way to practise times tables and number facts.

Friday - Spellings or word and sentence work will be given out on Friday to be handed in on the following Friday.

Reading – It is still vital that your child reads daily, preferably with you, or at least discusses what they have read with you. This has a real impact on all of their work and really increases the vocabulary they are able to use in their written work.



If homework is not handed in on time then children are expected to complete it during lunchtime.



Water bottles:

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle which they can keep in the classroom as drinks from the water fountain are only available during break and lunch times.

Curriculum

We started our term with a trip to the theatre in Chipping Norton to see the pantomime 'Robin Hood'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the production and have done some fantastic writing about their experience.

The topic for term 3 and 4 is called on a study of Ancient Egypt. The workshop led by the Oxfordshire their English, Art and DT work will looking forward to finding more Egyptian burials!



'Monsters, Mummies and Monuments' and is based children will be introduced to the topic through a Museum Service on Monday 11th January. Much of be linked to the topic and the children are clearly out about the gory details connected with Ancient

During term 4 we will be rehearsing for the Year 3 and 4 production - the title of which is yet to be confirmed. However, you might like to make a note of the following dates for your diary – Tuesday 15th March (afternoon - time TBC) and Wednesday 16th March (evening – time TBC).

Attendance

Good attendance is vital for success, so please bear in mind that if your child is well enough to potter about at home then they are probably well enough to be in school. As long as they always work hard and join in with enthusiasm then they will have personal success.

Problems and Concerns:

We all hope that everything runs smoothly this year but would stress that if you do have any problems or concerns that you come and see one as soon as possible. Mornings are always busy but we will find time if it is urgent. Otherwise please catch us before school to arrange a time when we can meet to discuss your concern in more detail.

Finally we would all like to thank you for all of the lovely gifts that we received from you and the children. They are always unexpected but most appreciated.

Kathryn Churchill and Zoe Rowe.