



Yellow Class – Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and the new year! A huge thank you to all of you for the generous and kind gifts we received from you all last term. We really appreciate it.

It has been lovely to have the children back at school. They have all settled down well and we can see that they are eager to learn again and take on new challenges.

We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning topics we have to look forward to.

Curriculum focus

This term we are going to cover a number of topics linked to our learning in history and geography. Our topic will be focussing on the end of the Bronze Age and then finishing with the Iron Age. We will be looking at an Iron Age village, roundhouses, jobs, food, hill forts, weapons, warriors and the Celts and comparing life from then to now.

If you have any resources or books that can support the children's learning, please do let us know.

Maths

We will spend the first few weeks on times tables as this is so important for supporting other learning later in the year. Other key areas for Year 3 in the Spring term are multiplication and division, statistics, pictograms, time and formal written multiplication. It would be good if you could keep on revising number bonds to 20 with children and keep on practising times tables on the 'Times tables Rock stars' resource we have.

English

This term our fiction and non-fiction writing units will all be based on books. We will be looking into detail at different non-fiction texts about pirates. In this unit children will plan, write and proofread a non-chronological report. We will use *The Finger Eater* by Dick King Smith as a book to help us write an alternative chapter, outlining in detail a new trick that Gudrun could play on Ulf. We will also look at *Atlas of adventures* where children write a report on a specific festival and create an information leaflet about Egypt.

We will continue whole class guided reading every week, along with individual reading where we can monitor the children's progress.

All children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day, and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. Reading records should be filled in when reading independently or with an adult please.

As always, we will ensure to support all children's individual needs in a variety of ways. Additional support, individualised learning and intervention will continue in class. We will share any further information if necessary with parents in due course.

PE

PE this term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday

The days for PE lessons this term may change as we take advantage of the weather and lead sessions outside whenever possible. Therefore, it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day, including a long-sleeved top and trainers for outdoor PE. Children with long hair must remember to bring a hair tie.

Homework

In line with our homework policy, home learning will focus on reading, spelling and maths skills. Homework goes home on a Friday and is due on a Thursday, we do expect this to be completed every week.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do contact us via email or phone if there is anything at all you want to discuss.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Du Plessis and Mrs. Ridge and the Year 3 team