

January 12th 2024

Class 3 News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and a happy and restful New Year! I have heard lots of stories about the Christmas holidays and it all sounds very eventful!

Please find attached the curriculum overview for class 3 for the Spring term. It lays out everything that we will be learning this term and may give you some ideas if you wish to enhance your child's learning. You will also find some inspiration for asking questions about your child's learning and hopefully avoid the 'nothing' answer when you ask what they've been doing at school.

As always, reading remains a priority as we know how important it is for accessing all subjects and how it fundamentally enriches children's writing. We continue to want to make this an enjoyable experience for the children and not a chore. Equally, by forming these regular reading habits, we hope that it will provide a relaxing time for the children away from screens. We would encourage **at least fifteen minutes a day**, from a range of texts. Even as children get older, it is still important to make this a shared experience and find time to sit with your child and ask them questions to ensure they have a good understanding of what they are reading, even if they are just summarising what they have read. They will come home with a bookmark with some question ideas for you to use. Please ensure that they continue to record their own reading in their reading diaries, which will need to be signed by an adult and brought in every day. They will earn Dojo points for doing this.

We will continue to use TTRS (TimesTablesRockStars) as an aid for learning times tables. The majority of the children love it and it adds a healthy competitiveness to their maths learning. Times tables really are the foundation for a lot of deeper mathematics so these skills really are crucial, as well as for the fairly new end of year 4 statutory Multiplication Tables Check.

CenturyTech has been a really useful tool for reinforcing and extending children's learning so we will continue to provide access to this as well as an online spelling practise program, all of which your child will be given access to in the next few days and details will be found in their home/school diary cover. Please don't hesitate to ask if there are any issues.

We continue to use Google Classroom in school and your child's log in will also be in their home/school diary.

P.E. will continue to take place on a Monday and Thursday. A full P.E. kit should be worn on these days. We would recommend wearing jogging bottoms over their shorts in the cold weather. Their P.E. kit should include plain trainers, plain black or navy shorts and joggers, a white t-shirt and a **school** jumper.

We also have Forest School every Wednesday afternoon until half term so children will need **warm** but old clothing and ideally wellies to bring into school on those days.

May I also remind you that the children are welcome to bring fruit or vegetables from home to eat at break time. Nuts are not permitted in any form due to nut allergies. We would like to encourage all children to bring a named water bottle which can be refilled as necessary. As always, if you require any further information, or have any queries or concerns about your child or their learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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