

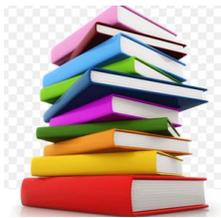
Year 3 newsletter

Summer Term 2022

Welcome back! We hope that you have all enjoyed the Easter holidays and had some relaxing fun time together.

We are all really looking forward to the summer term and plan to make good use of our fabulous new outdoor classroom to give the children a range of learning opportunities in the open-air.

Your children have worked extremely hard this year to plug gaps due to Covid and we are confident that they will continue to make excellent progress in the summer term. However we have noticed that many children are not reading regularly at home with their adults. Being able to read well and understand what they are reading about is key to your child's future success across the curriculum. Please could you support your child to continue to make progress with their reading (see Reading section below). We have introduced a half-termly reading comprehension in addition to the spelling and maths homework, to encourage strong comprehension skills.



Reading - Our expectation is that children read each night (or at least 4 times a week) and reading books/records should be in school every day. Books will be changed once a week on **Tuesdays**. Please encourage your child to reread books as this will improve their fluency and understanding. We do guided reading three times a week as a whole class. Your child will be introduced to a range of texts and genres and will take part in class discussions and partner work aimed at improving comprehension skills and extending vocabulary. Please use the Reading guide questions (attached) to help you support your child's reading.

Writing

This term we will start with a very exciting unit all about dragons as we explore the genre of Myths and Legends. The children will then find out more about Pompeii and be able to write a recount based on the book "Escape from Pompeii" before using their creativity and imagination in our final poetry unit.



Maths – In Maths in the summer term we will continue to work on fractions as the children become more confident in calculations involving unit and non-unit fractions.

If you feel that your child needs additional support at home with Maths, please don't hesitate to access White Rose home learning videos.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-3>

All children in key stage 2 have a TT (Times Tables) Rockstars login to enable them to practise their times tables at home and at school.

By the end of year 3, we aim for your child to be confident in their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.



Swimming:

In the summer term year 3 children will go for swimming lessons on a Monday at Saxon pool, Biggleswade. These lessons will take the place of one of the weekly PE lessons for the half term.

Summer 1	Chestnut
Summer 2	Sycamore

Library:

We have a wonderful library at Gothic Mede which the children visit fortnightly. Year 3 will visit the library on **Tuesdays**. Please could you check that your child has their library book in their bag every Tuesday so that they can change it if they wish to.

Foundation subject curriculum:

This term your child will be learning about:

Science – *Plants*

History – *Roman Britain*

Art – *Pointillism; Artful flowers*

Design Technology – *Roman Mosaics*

RE – *How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?*

Computing – *Branching databases; Simulations*

PSHE – *Health choices and habits; what affects feelings; expressing feelings. Personal strengths and achievements; managing and reframing setbacks.*

French – *recognising and using vocabulary for fruit and vegetables; asking for food items; talking about where you live*

Geography – *Rivers and the Water Cycle*

Music – *understanding and using notation*



- Homework will be sent out as paper copies in your child's homework folder, but will also be available on Google classroom.
- Maths is sent out on Friday to be returned by Wednesday of the second week.
- English – Spelling homework - Your child will learn spelling patterns which will be sent out weekly on a Friday. We will assess their progress on the following Thursday.
- Reading comprehension – your child will have a reading comprehension to complete at home every half term.
- Star Challenge – this term our Star Challenge looks at the exciting topic of Roman Britain. We are really looking forward to seeing how the children explore this theme creatively through their Star Challenge.

Useful Websites

TT Rockstars, Purple Mash, Espresso and Letterjoin are useful resources that can support learning at home. Logins are in your child's reading record (Letterjoin login is on the accompanying letter).

School Trips

We will be going to Celtic Harmony in Ware on 9th June for a Warrior Day aimed at enhancing your children's understanding of life in Roman Britain.

If at any time you would like to discuss anything with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or have a word with us when you pick your child up from school in the afternoon.

We hope that your children thoroughly enjoy their final term in year 3.

Mrs Oestreicher, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Howard