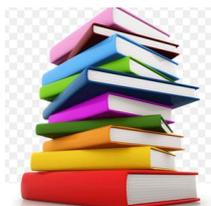


Year 3 newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the new term in key stage 2. We are really impressed with how your children have settled back into school life and have taken on new responsibilities in year 3.



Reading - Our expectation is that children read each night (or at least 3 times a week) and reading books should be in school every day. Your child will read in school in a variety of different ways: 1:1, group reading and during other classroom opportunities. You may find that your child likes to read similar books, or even the same book many times at home. Please use the questions that were sent home to further your child's comprehension of their books.



Maths - Your child will already have a Purple Mash login which they can continue to use this term. This gives them online maths games to explore. We have also put a copy of the year group maths curriculum in their homework folders – please have a look at this as it will inform you about the methods and content of year 3 Maths.

All children also have a TT (Times Tables) Rockstars login to enable them to practise their times tables at home too. This is a really fun method that the children enjoy and helps their maths fluency.

The times tables your child will need to know are: 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 up to $12 \times 8 = 96$.



PE:

- Sycamore's PE sessions are on Mondays and Thursday. Chestnut's PE sessions are on Mondays and Tuesdays. It is usually easier for kits to stay in school all half term.
- As it becomes colder, your child will need tracksuit bottoms and a warm top as the children go outside throughout the winter months.
- Please remove earrings on PE days, or provide your child with tape (micropore is available from most supermarkets and chemists) as earrings must be covered.
- Please put a spare pair of socks in your child's PE kit especially if they wear tights on PE days.

Library:

We have a wonderful new library at Gothic Mede which the children will have the opportunity to visit weekly and to change their books. Sycamore will visit the library on Tuesdays and Chestnut on Thursdays.

This term your child will be learning about:

Science – *Light and Animals including humans*

History – *Prehistoric Britain*

Art – *Kandinsky and Sketching the seasons*

Design Technology – *Shadow puppets and Christmas cooking*

RE – *Where, how and why do people worship*

Computing – *Coding, online safety and spreadsheets (using Purple Mash)*

PSHE – *Developing confidence and responsibility*

French – *Greetings, numbers, colours, days of the week, countries*

Geography – *East Anglia regional study*

PE – Dance – *Diwali dance*; outdoor PE – *invasion games*

There are several websites you and your child can use for Science, History and other topics:–

BBC bitesize - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2

BBC Supermovers - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/supermovers/42612499>

This site is especially useful for teaching times tables and uses song and dance to engage children.



- 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.
Suggestions of how to make this more engaging for your child are in the front of your child's yellow spelling book. Please ensure spelling books are back in school each Wednesday.
- Star Challenge – this term our Star Challenge looks at the exciting topic of light and dark. We are really looking forward to seeing how the children explore this theme creatively through their Star Challenge.

Website – If you need a reminder of the Homework or Star Challenge, we will be adding these to our class page. Please also have an occasional look at the gallery as you will be able to see pictures of 'Year 3 in action' throughout the term.

Please let us know if your child is going home with anyone different and feel free to come in after school if you have any queries.

I hope you have lots of fun hearing from your child about all the exciting activities they are getting up to this term.

Mrs Lowings, Miss Smith and Mrs Oestreicher