

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new school year and extend our thanks for supporting the new routines and arrangements in place. It has been a delight seeing the children smiling, settling into Year 3 and enjoying school life once more. We hope that you will find some of the information below useful, particularly to share with your child.

Topics covered this year.

Autumn Term 1 - Our Place in the World: *'We are Geographers'*.

Autumn Term 2 – The Stone Age: *'We are Archaeologists'*.

Spring Term 1 – The Iron Age: *'We are Archaeologists'*.

Spring Term 2- The Importance of Rainforests: *'We are Rainforest Rangers'*.

Summer Term 2 – – The Impact of the Romans on Britain: *'We are Historians'*.

PE days

Children in Year 3 will have PE on a Thursday and a Friday. As outlined by Mr Lewis-Cole previously, children are expected to wear their PE kits to school on these days. Please see the uniform policy to confirm the school PE kit, which must be worn with your child's usual school, green jumper or cardigan. As the weather gets colder, we encourage the children to also wear tracksuit bottoms, instead of shorts for outside sessions.

Homework and expectations

Reading & Reading Diary – Reading takes priority over all home learning and supporting your child's reading at home is essential to their development and learning. We recommend that children read aloud to you on a daily basis and ask that you record their reading in their reading diary every week. You may also wish to record a comment about your child's reading and/ or their progress, particularly towards targets: we always welcome any feedback or queries you may have. Remember, children do not need to read a whole book each night, a few pages are sufficient, as 15-20 minutes is the recommended minimum time spent for reading, sharing books and discussion time.

Home Learning – All children have a login for Times Tables Rock Stars, which is an online programme to support the learning of times tables. In addition, we have already sent some exciting ideas for the children to explore and extend their learning linked to our main topic, which they will do each term, as well as weekly spellings, which will be tested every Friday morning.

How to help your child at home

- Encourage your child to ensure they have everything they need for the day, such as their water bottle, snack and reading diary/ book.
- Help your child to dress independently, such as undoing their buttons, and practising to tie their tie and shoelaces.

- Support them to develop their knowledge and understanding of basic maths skills such as times tables and telling the time.
- Support them to keep reading regularly at home by taking Accelerated Reader quizzes or practising their phonics as often as possible.

Other things you need to know

- Our Healthy Eating policy continues and all children are encouraged to bring a sports cap style water bottle with them to school every day, filled with water, and a healthy snack for break time.
- We are hoping to offer plenty of extra-curricular activities for the children and have some exciting visits and visitors planned for later in the year.
- We would like to remind you that changes were made to uniform expectations and it is no longer compulsory for children to wear a school tie. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children are adhering to the uniform policy, look smart and that all items of school uniform and PE kit are named. In addition, all children with long hair will need to come to school with it tied back and any weekend nail varnish must be removed.

Other Points

- As the warm September weather continues, it is a good idea for children to have a sun hat and sun cream applied at home in the morning. We will remind the children about this again for the summer term but keeping safe in the sun at this time of the year is important too.
- As well as attending a weekly sports club, Year 3 children have the opportunity to join the choir and/ or learn a range of musical instruments – please ask for further details if your child is interested.
- We are not allowed to administer any medicines at all without an appropriate permission form. We ask that children who use asthma pumps should either carry them or keep it in the classroom.

Date for drop-in: Wednesday 20th September 2023, 3:30 – 4:30pm.

Thank you. Best wishes, from the Year Three Team.

