

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are now in their last term of Year 3.

We have had a fantastic year together and we are very proud of the progress they have all made. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 3 through a newsletter.

Thank you, Miss Petre, Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Pereira.



Maths

We are focusing on fractions, time, shape and position and direction this term. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. By the end of Year 3 we expect children to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables.

Times tables tests will be completed frequently to practise quick recall. Please continue to practise regularly with your child at home so the children feel confident and ready for the test.

TTRockstars is a brilliant way of having fun whilst learning times tables. Look out for battles against other classes! Children can also use Hit the Button and Times Table check to practise quick recall of facts.



English



This term, we will look at the genres of story-writing, diary entries, letters, poetry, persuasive posters and non-chronological reports. All our writing will link to our History topic, Ancient Greece.

In our reading sessions we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text.

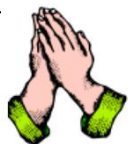
Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class.

We will be continuing with spellings from the Year 3 word lists and explore how sentences can be written using different structures.

Science

During the Summer term we will be learning about Plants. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow and investigating different conditions needed for plant growth.

We will then be exploring Pollution.



RE

Our first topic that we will look at this term is Energy which is based on the celebration of Pentecost. In this topic, we will explore the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will also explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Universal Church.

We will also be learning about Sikhism this term as we explore another faith. We look forward to exploring and celebrating the differences in the religion.

PSHE

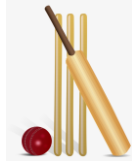
This term in PSHE we will be receiving Kidsafe sessions which cover important topics such as trust, bullying and our private places. A letter will be sent home each week to explain what the children have covered that session.



pe

This term in PE our topics are cricket and athletics. They will learn a range of techniques and rules of the game.

PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning, so remember to have PE Kits in school (White tops/red shorts and trainers). They should be left in school until the end of the half term.



Computing

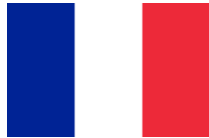
This term, we will be exploring coding and programming a car to move.

Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks.

Thank you.

French

Bonjour! In French we will be recapping colours, numbers 1-10, how to ask people if they are ok and explaining where French cities are. We will also continue to practice basic facts such as numbers to 30 and days of the week.



Au revoir!

History

This term our history topics is Ancient Greece. We will learn about Ancient Greece, including how archaeological findings tell us more about how the Greeks lived, Greek architecture and Greek Gods and Goddesses.



Art, Music and D&T

Art will be based around a famous pottery artist; the children will explore sculpture and pottery skills which links to our History topic, Ancient Greece.

In Music the children will be listening to learning to a range of songs, playing different instruments (glockenspiels and recorders) and performing songs.

In D&T children will be planning and making a healthy soup using herbs and vegetables from our allotment.

Homework

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day.

It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading.

Children are now expected to access **Reading Plus twice a week at home** as well as their school reading plus.

Spellings will continue to be sent home fortnightly on a Friday and your child will be tested the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their words each week for the test.

