



Year 3 Spring 2023 Information

Happy New Year! We are very pleased to be welcoming the children back after the Christmas Holidays. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children to help them with their learning this term.

Literacy

For the first part of the spring term, we will be reading *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. The final writing outcome for this text will be to write a stone age adventure in the first person. During the second part of the spring term, we will be reading *Big Blue Whale* by Nicola Davies. The final writing outcome for this text will be to write an informative article persuading for the protection of the blue whale.

Maths

Maths lessons will take place every day using Power Maths. This term will focus on Multiplication & Division, Money, Statistics, Length and Fractions. The children will continue to develop their multiplication facts fluency using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Cornerstones Topics

Our main topic for this term is 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'. We have sent a letter home with more information including ways to support your child at home with this theme. This theme will continue for the whole of the spring term. During the first half of the spring term the children will also be learning about artistic techniques used in sketching, printmaking and sculpture in our art topic 'Ammonite' and 'Forces & Magnets' in science. After half term the children will be learning about the genre of figure drawing in our art topic 'People and Places' and making an automaton toy in our D&T topic 'Making it Move'.

PSHE (including Relationship, Sex and Health Education)

Dreams and Goals: In this unit, we will be focussing on difficult challenges and achieving success, dreams and ambitions. We will also be learning how to recognise and overcome obstacles.

Healthy Me: The purpose of this unit is to help children understand the importance of exercise and fitness as well as food labelling, keeping safe both online and offline, respecting themselves and others and making healthy and safe choices.

P.E

In the first half of the term the children will be doing yoga; after this we will move on to dance. Our outdoor P.E lessons will be starting tennis and then moving on to football in the second half of the term.

Music

In Music we are continuing to learn how to play notes on glockenspiels.

RE

In RE we will finish learning about Sikhism before moving onto studying Christianity, with a focus on Lent.

Key reminders

More details will follow about the timings and activities of the following days;

Tuesday 7th February 3JS/SD D&T Day 'Cook Well, Eat Well'
Thursday 9th February 3RB/AM D&T Day 'Cook Well, Eat Well'

Wednesday 22nd February Geography Field Trip (local area)

Wednesday 15th March 3RB/AM HCC Science workshop
Wednesday 29th March 3JS/SD HCC Science workshop

Thursday 30th March D&T Day 'Making it Move'

P.E. All children will be able to wear their PE kit on their timetabled PE days of Monday & Wednesday for both classes. They are also allowed to wear navy blue tracksuit bottoms when the weather is colder (PE hoodies are now also available to buy). Please remember to name all kit and uniform just in case it is mislaid by the children.

Reading Records: Reading Records need to be handed in to school on a Monday and House Points will be given if children have read five times in a week. Children can record their own reading in their Reading Record but please could you check they have completed it before they hand it in.

Home Learning: Cornerstone home-learning activities will be sent home at the beginning of each new topic which are optional to do and children will be able to earn House Points for each piece completed. We will also share their work as a class towards the end of the topic. We will expect children to learn multiplication facts using Times Tables Rock Stars. Please let your teacher know if your child does not have access to a computer to do Times Table Rock Stars and we will provide them with the opportunity to access it during the school day.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (not juice) in the classroom for drinking throughout the day. They may have juice in their lunchbox but no fizzy drinks.

Packed Lunches: We have peanut allergies in school so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

School Dinners: Please ensure you book your child's school dinner by Friday midnight for the following week. If your child does not eat enough school lunch we will send a note home to inform you.

Medication: Please let us know if your child has to take any prescribed medication at school. There is a green form for you to fill in so that we can administer it. We can only give prescribed medication and the medication must have the prescription label on. Please phone the school if your child is off sick. If you have a medical appointment please let the office know.

Birthdays: If it is your child's birthday they can come to school in their home clothes. Please do not bring cake/sweets.

Key dates for the Spring Term

Parents Evenings: week beginning 27th February (more details to follow)

Half Term: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

End of Term: Friday 31st March 2023

Thank you for your continued support,
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