

Year Three

Summer Term News

2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. There is a lot to look forward to this term and I am sure the class will continue to work hard to achieve their full potential in all areas. As well as lots of exciting lessons planned, we have swimming for 8 weeks as well as a class trip to keep us busy in Year 3!

Mrs Delaney and Miss Tyler will continue to support the children in the classroom during the week.

Housekeeping:

- Swimming

I, as I'm sure the children are too, am very excited for our swimming lessons at Darrick Wood pool. We have an 8 week course, starting on Tuesday 25th April. Swimming lessons are half an hour long with qualified swimming instructors. As the children will be walking to and from the pool, please could you ensure that they have a waterproof coat with them (even if it seems sunny in the morning!) and trainers in their P.E. bag.

- Reading

Please continue to ensure your child reads every night. It would be beneficial to spend some time talking to your child about the book to check their comprehension and discuss their general thoughts about what they are reading. If they are a free reader (choosing their own books) they can comment themselves about what they are reading, but should include some description of what they have read (a short sentence about what has happened/their opinion of the story so far).

- Homework

- ◇ English homework is given on Mondays to be returned on Wednesdays. Children should only spend 20 minutes on their homework and the task should be consolidating knowledge from lessons.
- ◇ Mathematics homework is given on Wednesdays to be returned on Fridays. Again, children should spend a maximum of 20 minutes on this homework, which again will be to help them practise skills taught in school. It would also be beneficial for you to practise times tables with your child 5 minutes a day to help them become more fluent in using these in class.
- ◇ Weekend homework is given on Fridays to be returned on Mondays. Children should spend half an hour on this work. This might be focusing on a topic we have covered in class, a research project or about something happening in the school community.

Children should complete the work given as independently as possible, so please do let me know if they have any problems with the work set so we can go through it again. Many thanks for all your support.

- P.E.

Please could you ensure that your child has the full P.E. kit at school every day. This includes the green and red kits as well as a pair of trainers and a pair of plimsolls. If your child has a verruca, please send me a note as we do some dance and gymnastics bare foot.

Curriculum Topics:

As **writers**, we will look at a variety of genres, analysing their key features and writing our own versions. We will write our own adventure stories, look at how to write persuasively, look at traditional poetry, find out about non-chronological reports and write our own dialogue and plays.

As **mathematicians**, we will continue to practise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our times table focus will be on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and we will continue to consolidate our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will continue to develop our knowledge of fractions, measure, time, shape and statistics (graphs). Problem solving activities will be running throughout all of these concepts.

As **Scientists**, we will focus on two different topics this term. In the first half of the term, we are focusing on plants. We will conduct experiments to help us find the best conditions for plants to grow, and look in more detail at the parts of plants.

In the second half of the term, we will be looking at light and shadow. In this topic, we will learn how light travels and forms shadows, and compare how light travels through different materials.

As **Geographers**, we will be practising map skills by comparing Farnborough and London. We will be exploring Geographical features using our knowledge of the local area as well as using maps to look for these features.

As **Historians**, we will continue finding out about the Romans, with a focus on the Romans in Britain. We will be looking for evidence about what life was like during these times, and using secondary sources of data. During the Summer Term, we will be using all our knowledge on our trip to Reculver, where there is a Roman fort for us to discover.

As **Artists**, we will look at Roman architecture with a particular focus on mosaics. Our Art and D.T. lessons will be spent looking at key features and creating our own Roman architecture designs and mosaic patterns using different techniques.

As **programmers**, we will be looking at coding during our **Computing** lessons. We will also look at digital safety, focusing on the importance of passwords and the need to keep them secure.

We will continue to learn **French** this term. These lessons include lots of role plays, games and other fun activities to help the children learn simple French vocabulary.

R.E. this term will focus on pilgrimages and special buildings for different religions.

P.E. Year 3 has P.E. on Thursdays. We will be looking at gymnastics and athletics. As mentioned earlier, swimming lessons will take place on Tuesdays. These lessons will be half an hour long.

As **members of our community**, we will be considering our friendships and what being a good friend means. As the academic year draws to a close, we will consider changes and reflect on the year. We will also be performing at the St Giles Summer Fete on Saturday 10th June.

Events and dates for your diary

Swimming Dates

Tuesday 25th April
Tuesday 2nd May
Tuesday 9th May
Tuesday 16th May
Tuesday 23rd May
Tuesday 6th June
Tuesday 13th June
Tuesday 20th June

Spring Concert at Bishop Justus

Tuesday 25th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Class Trip to Reculver Roman Fort

Friday 26th May

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

INSET Day

Monday 5th June

St Giles Fete - the children will be performing at this event

Saturday 10th June - time to be confirmed

Twist in Time Theatre Workshop (TBC)

Monday 19th June

Sports Day (KS2)

Thursday 22nd June

Informal Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th July 3:15 - 5:00 pm