

Year 3 Spring 2 newsletter



WELCOME BACK! I hope you've had a lovely holiday and, like me, have enjoyed seeing the early signs of Spring appearing. I'm looking forward to another lovely half term with your children and have lots of exciting lessons and projects planned. As always, please feel free to speak to me if you have any questions or queries. You can catch me after school or message me on Dojo. Mrs Smith is your first point of contact on Friday as it's my day off.

I will use Dojo as my main route of communication so please check regularly to ensure you don't miss any key messages or information.



PE Monday and Friday are our PE days. Your child should wear their PE kit to come to school.

PE kit is either plain black shorts or skirts and a plain white T-shirt, a plain black tracksuit or black leggings and a plain sweatshirt or black school hoodie. Trainers may also be worn on PE day. Please adhere carefully to this uniform. Your child should not be wearing any other colours and all clothes should be plain unless they have the school logo on them. No other logos, stripes, ticks etc are permitted. Thank you.



REMINDERS

Reading books - children should have these in school each day. They can be placed in the green basket in class when they're ready for changing. Reading books should last at least a week and we will look for notes from you as to your child's progress through a book before changing it. Working on comprehension as well as word reading at home will really support your child's progress. I will continue to check reading books and home reading records on **WEDNESDAY** each week so please ensure your child's book is definitely in school each Thursday. I'll endeavour to remind the children to bring their books home as I know some have been lost in the vortex of your child's tray for a while(!) Lots of your children enjoy reading other books at home too. I am absolutely fine with this so please feel free to note any other reading your child does in their green reading record book.

Library - Our library day is Friday. Children must bring their book to school every week even if they wish to keep it for another week.

Hair - If hair is long enough to be tied up, may I suggest it is up for school. This stops it from falling into children's face as they work, stops it getting caught in PE, playtime or outdoor learning and also helps to keep our little creepy crawly friends at bay! Our school colours are black, grey, white and red. Bobbles, clips, hair bands etc should be these colours.

Things from home - Children are not permitted to bring toys, games, note books, cards etc from home. We can spend a lot of learning time dealing with issues arising from children swapping such toys etc. We'd really appreciate your support with this.

Homework - Homework is due each week. Please send homework on Dojo. The next page has homework ideas for this half term. We love seeing the children's work each week and a big thankyou to those families who post homework each week.

Snack - Your child is allowed (and encouraged) to bring a **healthy** snack for morning break. Fruit, veg, yoghurt tube, snack bar etc make perfect tummy fillers for the middle of a busy morning.

KEY DATES More information will follow in due course about these events if necessary.

Week of 2nd March - **Assessment week**. Your child's attendance will be really important this week. They almost always do better if they access the assessments alongside their peers.

6th March - World book day

11th March - Family wild worship

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25th March - Year 3 and 4 Easter show 9:15 and 2:00

27th March - Easter service at Church

Homework ideas

I've shared below what our learning in each curriculum area is about along with a homework idea. If you want to take the lesson theme and choose a different idea, that's of course absolutely fine.

SCIENCE - Rocks. Look at different rocks you find on a walk. Photograph them and describe them. Where did you find them?

MATHS - Multiplication and division, fractions. Work on your rapid recall of multiplication and division facts. Calculate fractions of a group of objects e.g $\frac{1}{3}$ of your dinosaurs or $\frac{3}{5}$ of your lego bricks. Shade fractions of shapes.

ENGLISH - recounts. Write a recount of your weekend.

ART - Pencil work. Sketch something of your choice. Can you shade it? Remember to think about where the light is coming from.

RE - "Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?" Create a piece of art work depicting part of the Easter story. Make a comic strip telling the Easter story.

GEOGRAPHY - Volcanoes - Make a PowerPoint about a volcano. Include facts you've researched and learnt.

SPANISH - Animals. Create a poster of animals and write their names in Spanish.

Please send homework each week on Dojo.

Remember to be reading your reading book regularly and asking your adults to write what you've read and what you've talked about during your home reading time.

Keep looking at the Year 3/4 spelling list too and going over those words.

Regular work on your times tables is super important so keep learning those key facts.

Thank you to all families who are spending time with these things at home. I know how busy life can get but your children are really benefitting from the time you're giving them.