

September 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to Year 3

We thought you might find it useful for us to let you know the tasks which your child should be completing in year 3.

Daily reading practice (including weekends and holidays).

Regular reading to and discussion of books with an adult is critical to your child's reading development. An adult must have signed a reading diary before a book is changed and all children must keep a school book for at least 2 days to ensure they have discussed the content before it is changed. Please remember that there is space in the reading diary to record any none school books that have been read during the week. Children change their own reading books when arriving into school and must put them in the reading book box, with their reading diaries – this is to ensure that we can tick off which books they have chosen.

Weekly spelling test

Children in year three are given a new spelling rule or pattern to investigate each Monday and are then tested on words which follow this rule on the following Monday.

The children do need to investigate the given spelling rule at home and this investigation can be presented in their spelling journal, in any way which they would like e.g. spider diagrams, lists, sentences with the words highlighted etc. These examples are modelled at school also.

Times tables

The children will ultimately need to know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables to instantly recall multiplication and division facts. Their recall of these will be tested regularly using a times table grid format appropriate to their ability.

A Weekly Numeracy, Literacy or Topic based task

A small task will be sent home on a Wednesday to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday morning. The children will also be given a slip with the 'Question of the Week' on, which can be researched at home.

Literacy and Numeracy Targets

Literacy and Numeracy targets will be set each term. Information about your child's targets will be sent home in a separate 'Target' letter.

P.E.

P.E. will be on a Tuesday and a Friday.

Indoor kit – black shorts and white t-shirt, pumps and socks.

Outdoor kit – leggings or jogging bottoms, long sleeved top, trainers, socks.

If required - hair bobbles and tape to cover earrings.

If your child is unable to take part in P.E. please phone or send in a note.

It is important that your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

Also to let you know that our topic this half term is titled:

Is Usain Bolt the fastest animal in the World?

During this 'Healthy Humans' topic, we will be learning about the human body and how to keep healthy.

Suggested websites for you to try at home!

<http://kidshealth.org/kid>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/schools/4_11/uptoyou/healthy/foodfacts.shtml

Don't forget to bring any research projects or photographs into school for the 'Busy Bee' board!

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

With thanks,

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