



Year 3

Newsletter to Parents

Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents,
Welcome

We would like to welcome you back after the Christmas break and wish you a Happy New Year! If you have any particular interest in an area outlined below and would like to come in and share experiences or resources with the children, it would be very much appreciated.

Mission Survival

The topic for this term is Mission Survival. This topic will cover a variety of curriculum areas but has a particular focus on Science and History. British history will be the main theme throughout the topic as the children will be exploring and learning about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. The children will also become scientists looking at how humans and animals survive.



Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult regularly at home, at least three times a week. Children's reading diaries will be checked weekly by the class teacher to ensure that children are reading at home. Asking your children questions about the text will help them to develop their retrieval and deduction skills.

Home Learning

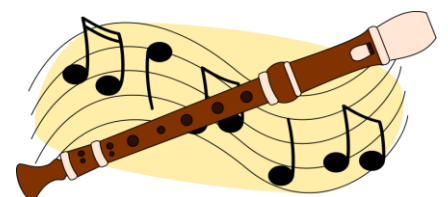
Weekly Home Learning will continue to be set on Thursdays and will need to be returned on the following Tuesday. This will be a mixture of maths, spellings and open ended questions that the children can respond to, presenting their ideas in any way they would like.

Spellings

The children will be exploring spelling rules and patterns in their spelling lessons which will also involve a follow up activity at home. This might be to find as many words as possible that follow a specific pattern or applying their knowledge by using spelling rules within a sentence. At this stage in the term, all children should have a secure understanding of all of the 100 and next 200 high frequency words. These can be found in your copy of the Learning handbook that you received at the parent consultation. If you have misplaced your copy, a new one can be purchased from reception.

Recorders

The children in Year 3 will be continuing with recorders this term. We are asking children to have their recorders in school every day as the day/time may change due to a flexible timetable. Children are welcome to take their recorders home to practice, however, we would ask that they make sure they bring them back into school.



Year 3 reminders:

1. Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school every day.
2. Home learning is set on a Thursday and is due in on the following Tuesday. The expectation of home learning is that the children will spend around 30 minutes on the task.
3. Reading books and reading diaries need to be in school every day.
4. Children will need their PE kits in school every day. Due to the time of year, the children's shoes can get quite muddy when on the field. It would be very much appreciated if you could provide your child with a plastic bag for these occasions.
5. Galileo class will need swimming items in school on Wednesdays.

Dates for your diary:

Mission Survival Day

On Tuesday 7th February (Einstein) and Wednesday 8th February (Galileo) we will be putting our survival skills to the test when we try to survive outside all day! Children will need to come to school dressed in appropriate outdoor clothes and footwear. We will be heading out regardless of the weather so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood. Lunches and swimming for Galileo will occur as normal.

Natural History Museum

There's no better way to explore our topic of Mission Survival than a trip to the National History Museum! We will be visiting the museum on Friday 3rd March. We will leave shortly after registration, however, will be returning back to school after the normal pick up time of 3.20pm to make the most of the time we have there. Additional details will be sent out shortly.

Forest School Clothing

Please ensure that your child has their outdoor clothes in school on the following dates.

Einstein	Galileo
Wednesday 18 th January 2017	Wednesday 25 th January 2017
Wednesday 1 st February 2017	Wednesday 8 th February 2017 (Mission Survival Day)
Tuesday 7 th February 2017 (Mission Survival Day)	Wednesday 1 st March 2017
Wednesday 22 nd February 2017	Wednesday 15 th March 2017
Wednesday 8 th March 2017	Wednesday 29 th March 2017
Wednesday 22 nd March 2017	

Should you have any queries at all please feel free to speak to us. Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Slaney, Mrs Smith and Mrs Parker-Beeson.

