

Year 3 Summer Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday. Year 3 had a very positive Spring term and have settled in well to this new term. I'm sure this will continue as the term goes on.

Below is a summary of this term's topics:

Literacy We will be starting off this term by looking at persuasive texts. Children will write a persuasive letter to junk food companies asking them not to advertise unhealthy foods to children. We will go to read the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur and re-write it as a playscript. Children will then write newspaper reports based on the idea of 'the Wandsworth Minotaur'.

Spellings Your child will continue to be given spellings every Friday afternoon to take home with them that are based on the spelling and grammar work covered in lessons. Please continue to practise the spellings with your child each night for ten minutes using the 'look, cover, write, check method' on their sheet. The word should be written in a sentence to ensure understanding of the word meaning. On the new spellings we will write the result of their test and any words they still need to practise. Please practise these words with your children. The children are tested every Friday.

Homework: The class will continue to be given one piece of maths homework each Friday this will be to either complete in their books or on Abacus. Please do encourage and support your child where necessary with this and remind them of the importance of completing the homework set. Homework needs to be handed in by Tuesday. If there is a problem with homework being completed please let me know. Thank you for all the lovely Spring challenge work returned. I really enjoyed seeing such enthusiasm. We will be setting Summer Term homework challenges over the next few weeks. Please encourage your child to complete these tasks as they link with the topics we are studying.

Reading: The children will go to the library on a Thursday afternoon to choose a book. This book will then be their reading book for the week. Please read with your child every night for at least 10 minutes and make a note in their reading journal 3 times weekly to note down your thoughts on their reading. This book will need to be in their pack folder every day for reading at school. This book will then be returned to the library on a Thursday, if finished and a new book can be taken out. Please ensure the book is kept safe. If their book has been left behind on a Thursday we will not be able to change it until it is returned on a Thursday.

Numeracy This term we are starting off by drawing and interpreting bar charts and pictograms. We will then be going on to looking at written multiplication and division. We will be multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers using the grid method. It is really important that you continue to practise times tables at home with your child as this will form an excellent grounding for maths work. We will be covering addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers both mentally and using written methods. Children will focus on fractions, measures and shape later in the term. We have daily maths meetings of 15 minutes. The focus of these this term will be time. Please help your child to learn to tell the time and encourage opportunities for time telling at home.

Science In the first half of the term we are looking at the topic humans and other animals. We will focussing on how to eat a balanced diet and the different diets of animals. Children will learn about the human skeleton and animal skeletons. In the second half of this term children will study plants. They will name the parts of a plant and grow their own plants, noting the best environment for healthy growth.

Computing In Computing this half term we will be looking at coding using the programme Kodu. Children will be programming their own world. You are able to download this programme onto your PC if you wish.

P.E. P.E. kits need to be brought in on Mondays and left at school until the Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct kit. We will be doing P.E outside this half term so please ensure children have their kit so that they can take part. They will need trainers or plimsolls. This term we will be covering rounders and athlectics.

Enquiry Our topic this term is Ancient Greece. Children will be placing this period on a timeline. They will learn about the everyday life of ancient Greeks and will look at Greek inventors, gods and goddesses. They will design and make a Greek pot. We will be having an Ancient Greece day where we will live like Ancient Greeks for a day. More details about this will be sent out nearer the time .

R.E. This term we are focussing on signs and symbols and religions in our neighbourhood. Children will be going on a walk around Wandsworth taking note of different places of worship.

Music We have been lucky to be able to loan out recorders. We hope your children are enjoying them. Please remember these need to be in school every Thursday so your child can take part in our music lesson. They will continue to learn the recorder and djembe drums with Wandsworth Music Services.

PSHE We will be starting a new topic in Enabling Enterprise called 'Food Glorious Food'. We will be looking at different foods from a range of cultures. Children will have the chance to create their own recipe books.

If you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss about your child's development and experiences at school, please feel free to make an appointment to come and see me. I am looking forward to the term ahead and hope that together we can continue to make a positive contribution to your child's education.

Kindest regards,

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