

Year 3 Class Newsletter



Summer Term 2018

Important reminders

- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.
- Please make sure any money sent into school is in a labeled envelope.
- Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
- Homework will be sent home on Fridays. Please complete the homework by the deadlines set.
- Please listen to your child read as much as possible (at least 3 times a week otherwise your child will lose break time in order to catch up with their reading time.)

Welcome to Holy Trinity

We would like to welcome you all back and we hope you have had a fantastic Easter break. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to what we are sure will be a great Summer term.

This newsletter contains information about what you should expect from the Summer term. In the event of the information or topics changing, I will notify you by letter.

If at any time you have any questions or you are unsure of anything, please ask or contact the office and an appointment can be made for a convenient time.

What does learning look like in year 3?

The children will be learning about a variety of different subjects throughout this term. Mathematics and English are taught daily, as is guided reading and handwriting. If a Mathematics lesson is omitted due to a literacy day, additional mathematics will be taught throughout the week and vice versa.

Mathematics

In addition to the statutory mathematics being taught, the children will be completing mental math's tests. These cover all areas of the National Curriculum.

The children will need to learn their personal times tables which now consist of 0 to 12 times tables in accordance with the National Curriculum. They have a times table test every Tuesday morning. However, it is important the children apply this knowledge in their daily mathematics lessons and do not just learn them for the tests. Therefore I suggest you randomly ask your child times tables whilst driving, walking to school... to keep this knowledge fresh in their minds. In Maths we are continuing to look at fractions focusing on ordering, comparing and identifying equivalent fractions. As the term progresses, we will focus on formal written methods for both multiplication and division.

English

In literacy the children are learning about stories from other cultures, adventure stories and shape poems. The grammar focus will be structuring narrative in paragraphs. In the second half of the Summer term we are planning to focus on Narrative poems and information leaflets linked to our topic of Cedars Park.

Reading

Guided Reading is taught daily, where the children read a book with an adult, whilst also completing independent comprehension activities based on the focused text. As a class, we will be reading fantastic short stories from Dragons at Crumbling Castle and other stories by Terry Pratchett.



Our motto is:

Alta Pete – Aim High

"The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives."

Science

In the Summer term the children will be learning about light and shadow. We will be thinking about what light is, how we see light and thinking about what would happen if we did not have light in our lives.

Physical Development

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday afternoon. In the first half term the children will be going swimming, then they will continue having a PE lesson with Mrs Tyrrell and Thursday afternoon with a sports coach. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every day as sometimes the lesson times could change due to special events.

Children are required to remove or cover earrings for all PE lessons. It is preferred that children have a black pair of trainers and navy blue/black shorts. We will take every opportunity to have PE outside.

Foundation Subjects

We are learning about Hinduism and in particular their belief that there is one God with lots of different aspects. We will then look at pilgrimage within this faith and what it means to them.

In the National Curriculum PSHE is not required to be taught until Key Stage 3. However, we are continuing to discuss a new way to deliver PSHE across the school.

Our new topics are 'Our local area' followed by a detailed look at Cedars Park. During 'Our local area' we will be looking at Waltham Abbey Church, Eleanor Cross and The Royal Gunpowder Mills. We will then look at the history of Cedars Park and create a time line up to the modern day.

Homework

Homework for this term will be another project for the children to complete over the course of this half term.

An accompanying letter will be sent home with the project explaining the expectations, along with the hand in date.

The children's standard of work along with their dedication and enthusiasm for our topics so far has been outstanding and I have enjoyed reading through them all!

The task set is the responsibility of the child with the support of parents. Homework encourages independence and responsibility in the children. Children have the option to attend homework club on a Monday lunch time. The reading logs are also important, so please sign it and write comments. Ideally each child should **read** at home at least **3 times a week**.

Clubs, Trips and Productions.

Fun Football and The Choir are continuing; see the office for details. If more clubs become available you will be notified by a separate letter.

I hope you all enjoyed learning about what the children have learnt through their curriculum production.

We hope this final term of Year 3 will be exciting as well as educational for your children and I hope this information has been helpful.

The Year 3 team - Mrs Tyrrell, and Mrs Stickler.

