

Year 3 Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a healthy, relaxing break over the Christmas period. We are pleased with the achievements in Year 3 during the autumn term and are excited to build on the progress this spring.

Our curriculum is always full and varied and this Spring term is no different. Year 3 will be studying the exciting science topics of Healthy Bodies and Rocks and Soils. Our history studies continue, as we are moving on to the Anglo Saxons. In art, design and technology we will be using sewing skills to make a pouch to carry money and representing fossils using different media. In English, our love of books and reading continues with 'King Arthur and the Round Table', 'Leon and the Place Between' and 'Little Badman and the Radioactive Samosa'. Aspen class will be inviting parents to a reading café later in the term, look out for a letter nearer the time. I am expecting us to begin learning to play the recorder this term. Recorders will be available to buy from the school office. Multiplication, division, perimeter and fractions will be studied during maths lessons this term.

It is important to remember the day-to-day activities that are essential to your child's education;

- Attendance – Regular attendance is crucial to your child making progress and achieving their full potential. Please be punctual, school starts at 8.45am.
- Reading – Please hear your child read at least three times a week. Remember to write in their diary and comment about the book they have read. You can use the colour band stickers in the diary to help you focus on a specific area when hearing your child read. Your child is also able to write in the diary when they have read to themselves.
Remember, you are invited to come and read with your child every Monday afternoon at 2.55pm. Simply sign in at the office and go to your child's classroom. We are very pleased with the number of parents who are showing an interest in their child's love of reading.
- Homework – Please help your child complete their home learning challenges. The homework helps reinforce the learning done in class.
- PE kit- Your child should have their PE kit in school at all times. There is no need for them to take it home on a weekly basis as this leads to them forgetting to bring it back. PE kit should be a white t shirt, black or blue shorts or joggers with black plimsolls. Please put your child's name inside all clothing as many items get lost. Please remember to remove earrings on PE days.
- Multiplication facts – Finally, your child should be practicing their timetables regularly at home. Their log in to access Times Tables Rockstars is in their reading diary. Thank you.

Please make sure your child has a school jumper to wear in class as the rooms can become cold. It is also very important that they bring a water bottle to school. Useful information about our curriculum is on the school website including how to help your child at home.

Please see the school newsletter which is emailed out every month for key dates for events.

Thank you for your continued support; as our school moto says "Working together we can achieve success".

We look forward to meeting you at **Parents Evening on Wednesday 21st January.**

Yours

Mrs Webster and the Year 3 team