



Class 3 Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Please find a reminder of some key information in this newsletter including our weekly activities, homework and what we are learning.

Weekly Schedule

PE	Tuesday and Friday	We will be having our PE lessons every Tuesday and Fridays. Children can wear their PE kits on this day to school and as it gets colder, they can wear their school hoodies.
Book Day	Wednesday	Children will bring home a reading book and reading record as part of their homework. Please could they bring in both of every Wednesday even if their book does not need changing.
Celebration assembly	Friday 2.45pm	Every Friday, parents are welcome to join us in the school hall to celebrate the children's achievements.

Homework

<p>Reading</p> 	<p>To make good progress it is important that children read regularly with an adult. Children will be assigned a book at their reading level which they can read more than once to help them read clearly and to add understanding of new vocabulary. Please make a note of any reading in their reading record. Reading other books of their choice as well as this is greatly encouraged.</p>
<p>Times tables</p> 	<p>Learning their times tables helps children with many areas of Mathematics. Therefore, we encourage class 3 to practise their times tables for 5-10 minutes daily.</p> <p>At the end of Year 4 children are required to take part in the National Times table check. This is taken on a computer and involves getting used to answering 25 questions quickly. Therefore, to get used to this each child in Year 4 will have a times table check account from September to use to practise their times tables.</p>

More information about the test will be available for parents will in March.

What we are learning this term.

English	Our first story this year we will be focusing on is the Iron Man. We will be writing a newspaper article about the Iron Man and his challenges.
Maths	In Mathematics, we are continuing practising our methods of multiplying and dividing larger numbers. We will then be looking at the place value of decimal numbers and fractions before half term. After this we will be looking at solving problems involving shapes and statistics
Science	As part of our spiral curriculum, we will be breaking our science topics into three-week blocks and returning to each topic throughout the year. We will be starting by learning about the states of matter. Please look on our class webpage to find our knowledge organisers. The children will be focusing on the parts of different flowering plants and the water cycle this half term.
Religious Education	This term we will be learning about the importance of saying sorry and how we can reconcile with others. We will then be learning all about the Mass and how we take part in church services.
PE	In PE this term we will be working on our cognitive development. We will also be enjoying taking part in gymnastic lessons. Please make sure children have a PE hoodie when it is colder.
Geography	Our geography topic this term is focusing on rivers and mountains. We will be working on our fieldwork, mapwork and research skills to learn about why rivers and mountains are so important.
Art and DT	We are starting of this term by improving our painting skills. We have been looking a prehistoric art and how to create our own paints.
Spelling	We will be continuing to practise spellings in school with investigations and short spelling games.

Class Assembly

After Half term, class 3 will be presenting an assembly on what they have been learning so far this year. Please keep an eye on the school newsletter and your email for a date a time.

