

Dear Y3 Parents and Carers,

We hope the children have enjoyed their first half term and a well-earned break.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

PE

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**. The children will be covering netball and gymnastics. The children will need appropriate kit in case we have outdoor PE. Please bring PE kits on a Monday and take them home on a Friday.

Pumps

We still have a few children in class without pumps or an appropriate change of shoes, (alternative shoes for medical reasons are fine). As the weather is more changeable and it is very sludgy outside, any children who don't have a change of shoes will not be allowed out at break times as it is making our carpets and learning spaces very dirty.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it, however, it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

Spelling books

We have changed our spelling scheme and will now be following the Read Write Inc scheme. Children have workbooks in school and will complete 10 minute spelling activities every day. They will have a range of spellings each week and will be tested on six of these on a Monday. New spellings will go home on a Monday and home spelling books will need to be in school. Spelling Shed can still be used as the children's spellings will be on there to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings.

Homework

Children are encouraged to be regularly practising spellings and time tables online regularly. As a school we have subscribed to websites to support the children with their learning. Seesaw will be used in school regularly and may be used for learning at home if the need arises. The children will be given their individual logins for Seesaw and TT Rockstars. Spelling Shed logins will be given out shortly. Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

From this half term children will be expected to complete an English and Maths activity each week using Mirodo. These are very short tasks and will support children with their learning in school. Any children who don't complete their tasks will be invited to a homework club on a Thursday lunch time to support them to access this.

Remember, you can find The Sycamores on Twitter (now known as X) @TheEllisY3. We use X/Twitter to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information.

Autumn 2 learning overview

English

We will start the half term by exploring *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy. We will look at persuasive writing and newspaper articles. We will then explore *Flotsam* by David Wiesner and focus on writing fiction stories and the individual elements of these.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills whilst reading *You're a Bad Man Mr Gum* by Andy Stanton.

Maths

Miss Cook will teach Number Monday- Wednesday. Miss Beresford will teach Shape, Space and Measure on Thursday and Friday. Children will complete arithmetic tasks for morning work on Seesaw.

In Number, we will learn about addition and subtraction methods. In Shape, Space and Measure, we will be finishing off perimeter and then begin to look at mass.

Science

Our Science learning will focus on light and shadows. We will look at how shadows are formed and investigate making our own shadows.

Geography

In Geography, we will be answering the question 'Why do some earthquakes cause more damage than others?'

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?'

PE

We will be focusing on netball and gymnastics.

Art

In Art, our unit is called 'Growing Artists'. We will be looking at how artists sketch and look for the shapes in objects to help to draw them.

Computing

We will be learning about programming and using the website Scratch.

French

We will be learning about numbers and following simple instructions in French.

Music

We will be developing our singing technique and learning a song about the Vikings.

PSHE

We will be thinking about being responsible in PSHE.

Kind Regards

The Y3 Team