

Dear Y3 Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term, are ready for the run up to Easter and hopefully brighter Spring days.

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

PE

Our PE days **Monday** and **Wednesday**. The children will be covering cricket and ball skills. 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. Crocs are not suitable as indoor pumps and not part of our uniform policy. (Alternative shoes for medical reasons are fine). As the weather is 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

Children have finished the Year 3 RWI Scheme and will be reviewing key units from the Year 2 and Year 3 overviews. They will have a range of spellings each week and will be tested on 6 of these on a Monday. New spellings will go home on a Monday so 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. The children have their individual logins for Seesaw and TT Rockstars but if any have lost them, please get in touch for a new one. Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

Children are 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.

Spring 2 learning overview

English

We will start the half term by exploring 'Big Blue Whale' by Nicola Davies. We will be covering many writing features and writing longer commentaries and persuasive texts.

In our reading sessions we will be reading and developing our comprehension skills using 'This morning I met a whale' by Michael Morpurgo.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on length and perimeter and moving on to fractions. Children will complete arithmetic tasks for morning work on seesaw. It is imperative that the children regularly practise their times tables at home to improve their recall.

Science

In Science, our learning will focus on light and shadow. **Our trip to Magna is Thursday 27th March**

Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the question 'Who lives in Antarctica?'

Re

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died Good Friday?'

PE

We will be focusing on cricket and ball skills.

Art

In Art, we will be looking at drawing and growing artists.

Computing

We will be learning about branching databases. We will also cover E – Safety.

French

We will be learning about counting to higher numbers.

Music

We will be looking at pentatonic melodies and composition.

PSHE

We will be thinking about keeping and staying healthy.

Kind Regards

The Y3 Team