

Welcome to Year 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have had a lovely summer and are refreshed and ready for Year 3. It's the start of a new year and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning we have planned. Year 3 is the beginning of Key Stage Two. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few things and to introduce you to some details concerning the forthcoming year for your child in Year 3.



Topic

Our first topic for Year 3 is based around the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. Through this topic will be finding out where Egypt is and the importance of the River Nile for life there. We will be using a range of different sources to help us find out what life was like in Ancient Egyptian times. Our science learning will begin with a focus on plants where we will learn about the functions of the different parts.



PE

PE lessons are on Mondays and Fridays. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. Tracksuits can be worn when the weather is cold. We will be doing PE outside so suitable clothing such as a waterproof coat will be needed. Children should have long hair tied back, not wear any jewellery and all earrings must either be taken out or covered with micropore tape.



Homework

Guided reading homework will be sent home on the day of your child's guided reading session. Homework is due in on the same day the following week. Sometimes, the homework may be to complete the Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz associated with the book or



a book review. This can be accessed through the school website. Children will also have the opportunity to access AR quizzes in school. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday. It is a good idea to take a look at the Year 2 spellings to refresh the memory.

MyMaths homework will be set on Fridays and is due in the following Friday. The children have been reminded how to access these activities.

If your child has any problems with their homework they can always come and speak to me.

Times tables

Times tables are a huge part of the maths curriculum and as the children progress through Key Stage 2, they become increasingly important and essential for a wide range of mathematical skills. There are a variety of different ways that the children can learn and practise their tables such as chanting, writing them down and using online games such as Times Tables Rockstars. Spending just 5



minutes practising their times tables each day will have a huge impact on their learning. Time tables will be tested at 2-3 weekly intervals.

If you have any concerns or need to give me a message, please do not hesitate in contacting me. You can either catch me in a morning, write a message in your child's planner, phone the office or email the office on contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk

I look forward to a fabulous time working with you and your child.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Robinson

