

Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely break and Easter. I am really looking forward to this term which is going to be packed with lots of new learning and exciting experiences!

Year 3's topics and themes

This term's main topic will be based upon the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. Many areas of this topic will be cross-curricular through English, art, history, geography, DT and computing. Our first science topic this term will be concerned with light then our focus will move to rocks.

Practical Information

The classroom door will be opened at 8.50am where the children can access an early morning activity which provides an opportunity to practise key skills such as spellings, handwriting and Maths calculations. Registers are taken at 9.00am.

PE

PE lessons are on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school throughout the week. They will be sent home for washing as needed. Children should have their hair tied back and all earrings must be either taken out or covered with micro-pore tape.

After May half term, the children will also take part in swimming lessons at Alsager Leisure Centre as part of their PE lessons. Please see separate letter for more details.

Homework

Guided reading homework will be sent home on the day of your child's guided reading session - this may have changed from last term. Homework is due in to be marked one week from this day. Sometimes, the homework may be to complete the AR quiz associated with the book. This can be accessed through the school website. Children can also access AR quizzes at school during Guided Reading sessions.

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday. The children will also have their 64 or 100 word list from the Spring term to refer to as well.

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

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

Spellings and Times tables

We have been really focusing on improving both our spellings and times tables during the Spring term. The children are very enthused towards this and some have expressed that they would like to continue their learning at home.

Times tables are a huge part of the Maths curriculum and as the children progress through Key Stage 2, they become increasingly more important and essential for a wide range of Mathematical skills. There are a variety of different ways that the children can learn their tables such as chanting, writing them down and using online games such as Times Table Rockstars. The children know which times table they need to work on and spending just 5 minutes on them each day will have a huge impact on their learning.

Times tables will be tested at 2-3 weekly intervals.

As mentioned above, the children also have their 64/100 word lists to aid them in practising their spellings. These will be re-tested again within the first few weeks of the Summer term and updated lists will be sent home following the test. I recommend focusing on 3-4 words at a time.

My door is always open; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

I look forward to another happy and successful term. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bailey

