

Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Year 3's topics and themes

This term we will be looking at Britain's next set of invaders and settlers, the Vikings. We will begin by looking at the Vikings; where they originated from, their way of living, the way in which the way they established trade links has had an impact upon Britain. As a geography focus, we will look at the land use of the Viking origin countries and how this links with why they chose to settle in Britain. We will look at textiles for art, creating a design for the long ships we will create for D and T. Many areas of this topic will be cross-curricular through Literacy, Numeracy, art, history, geography and ICT. Further maths work will be split into five blocks: Counting, Partitioning and Calculating, Securing Number Facts and Understanding Shape, Handling Data and Measures, and Calculating, Measuring and Understanding Shape. Our first science topic this term will be concerned with forces and magnets. We will be looking at how magnets work, and the forces between magnets, and between magnets and magnetic materials.

Throughout the term we will still be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and the use of language. The children will also be encouraged to read a wide range of texts, both to improve their reading fluency and also for pleasure! Our main texts will be the Jolly Roger's series by Jonny Duddle. I would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

Practical Information

The classroom door will be opened at 8.50am where the children can access an early morning activity which we encourage your child to participate in. Registers are taken at 9.00am.

We feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day, especially in warm weather. Therefore, please could children bring in labeled bottles of water with a secure lid each day.

Please try and make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labeled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

PE

PE lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school on that day. As we are focusing on dance in PE on Mondays, we will be inside for these lessons. Kit should be taken home over the weekend to be washed. Tracksuits may be sent in when the weather is cold. Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must be either taken out or covered with micro-pore tape.

We will also be beginning swimming sessions on Thursday mornings. Children should bring in their swimming kit including a swimming costume/trunks and a towel.

Homework

Guided reading homework will be sent home on the day of your child's guided reading session (the children should know when this is) and is due in to be marked one week from this day.

Spellings will be sent home with a suggested activity on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.

MyMaths homework will be posted online on Fridays and is due in by the following Friday.

If your child experiences any problems with their homework, they can always come and speak to me or there is a homework club supervised by a member of staff on a Tuesday after school.

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 cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Taylor

