

Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Key Stage 2!

We hope you have all had a relaxing summer with your children! We have enjoyed meeting them all and working with our new classes. Ahead of us, we have a busy year planned with lots of interesting topics, DT projects and other activities. The Year 3 team is

**3 Birch Miss Chinery
Miss Casado**

**3 Larch Mrs Frost
Mrs Lowe**

Until October half term, the children will be provided with all school stationery. After half term, they will be asked to bring in a stocked pencil case. This should be a small, plain pencil case with necessary named equipment: two pencils, a glue stick, whiteboard pen, coloured pencils, one rubber, a ruler and one sharpener. (Please note felt tip pens and highlighters will be provided by the school.) Please do not buy any handwriting pens before they have received their pen licence as, until that time, all children will continue to write in pencil. Please note that the pen cannot be a biro and must be black ink.

Parents' Consultations and Meet the Teacher.

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher meeting from 2:45 to 3:15 on Monday 11th September when we will inform you of the key arrangements for your child in Year 3. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions.



This meeting will be for general information, not for individual concerns regarding your child. There will be an opportunity for this information to be shared at parents consultations in November. Arrangements and dates will be shared with you via the website. Headlines is essential weekly reading in order to keep up-to-date with events, diary changes and celebrations. Please try and get all children involved in the Surrey Library challenge. They need to read 6 books by 23rd September. House points will be allocated and there are many prizes to be won from the Horsley Library!

How to contact us...

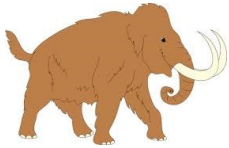
If you have any queries or if there is anything about your child that we should know, please send an email to the office on 'info.raleigh@sfet.org.uk' to arrange a time when we can speak with you. It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances so that, for example in the case of separation, both parents, can receive all communications about your child. Alternatively, if you have a question or comment relating to an everyday event (such as homework) you can send in a note via your child. If you would like to speak with us, please contact the school office by email.

Topic / Art

Our topic this term is Early Britons, which covers the development of civilisation in Britain from 12000 BC to the Iron Age.



There will be a trip to Butser Ancient Farm, on Thursday 14th September, which will really bring this topic to life as the children will experience an archaeological dig and learn to make fences in the traditional Stone Age way!



Art will support our topic work. We will be learning how to create shade and depth through applying different media and methods.

Computing

We will be recapping internet safety rules and looking at different search engines. We will then research topic based facts and explore the use of presentations.

Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and must be returned by the following Wednesday. The homework consists of a maths task, sheet or Mathematics, personalised spellings and one other piece of work. This final piece tends to be quite informal and often fun! It varies from developing a skill learned in English to researching or building a model for topic or science. We will also encourage the children to regularly log in to their TT Rockstars account. (Their log in details will be in the front of their reading diary.)

Each task should take no longer than 20 minutes; if your child struggles in any way please do send them in with a note.

They will also be required to read at least every week night. Even if they are an independent reader, it is still beneficial for them to read aloud to an adult and for you to discuss the text with them. Please ensure that you sign the Reading Record book when you hear your child read; **this should be every day**. It will be checked every Monday. Any child who does not have at least three adult signatures during the previous week will be required to attend a reading clinic during Monday morning breaktime.

English

We will continue to develop your child's spelling, punctuation and grammar skills as well as work on their cursive handwriting. The internet and non-fiction texts will be used to work on factual reports as well as for looking at story structures and writing narratives. We will also continue with regular 'Big Writing' sessions. Read Write Inc spelling sessions will take place three times a week and the children will be tested on their individual spellings once a week.

Maths

We will be learning more about place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and how to apply these to a variety of 'real life' contexts. We aim to develop your child's reasoning skills through regular exposure to reasoning problems as well as weekly problem solving investigations. It would be a great help if you would practise using money with your child at home as they will benefit hugely from being familiar with the value of coins. We will also be working on developing rapid recall of some specific times tables; by the end of the year your child should know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x 8x and 10x tables and corresponding division facts.

Indoor PE

This will be on Friday for both classes. This term we will be adapting traditional African dance moves and will also explore different jumping techniques.

Outdoor PE

This will be on a Monday afternoon. They will get muddy and wet sometimes, so old trainers are better than plimsolls.

It is important that your child keeps their named trainers in school everyday.

Science

In science, we will be looking at how rocks are formed, different soils and fossils. After half term we will then learn about animals, humans and healthy eating.