

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 the children and working with our new classes. We have a busy year ahead planned with lots of interesting topics, DT projects, trips and workshops.

The Year 3 team is:

3H Mrs Hamilton (all except Friday)

Miss Maclean (Friday)

Miss Williams (TA)

3N Miss Nemestothy

Mrs Paulson (TA) (Monday to Wednesday)

Mrs Perrin (TA) (Thursday and Friday)

It is a requirement in Key Stage 2 that every child must bring a small packet of tissues and a glue stick into 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. The children may bring their own pencil case this year but it must be able to fit easily in their tray and everything in the pencil case must be clearly labelled!

'Open House'

This will continue to be on the first Thursday of every month. It is an opportunity for your child to share their work with you and show you around the classroom. Please make sure that you leave the classroom tidy when you leave and your child's books are returned to their original location.



How to contact us...

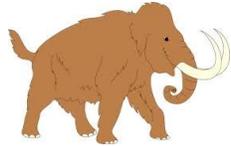
If you have any queries at all or if there is anything about your child that we should know, please send an email to the Office on 'info@theraleigh.org' to arrange a time when we can speak with you. It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances 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.

Topic

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 Friday 28th 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!



If the children have any books or artefacts relating to the topic, we would love to see them. Please ensure everything the children bring in to school is named.

Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and must be returned by the following Wednesday. Usually the homework consists of a maths task, such as a 'Big Maths Beat That' sheet and two other pieces of work. These tend to be quite informal and vary from developing a skill learned in English, individualised spellings and researching for topic or science.

If your child struggles with the task 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 3 adult signatures during the previous week will be required to attend a reading clinic during playtime.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at light and shadows and after half term we will then learn about humans and animals.

English

We will continue to develop your child's spelling, punctuation and grammar skills as well as working on their cursive handwriting. We will be using the internet and non-fiction texts to work on factual reports as well as 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 different, '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 should 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 specific times tables; by the end of the year your child should know their 2x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables and corresponding division facts.

Indoor PE

This will be on a Friday morning for both classes.

Outdoor PE

This will be on a Thursday afternoon. **Your child will need green tracksuit bottoms and top as the weather gets cooler. They will get muddy and wet sometimes, so old trainers are better than plimsolls. It is important that your child remembers to bring in their named PE kit as they will be expected to take part in PE lessons every week.**

