

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 and other activities.

The Year 3 team is

3 Birch Mrs Booth
Miss Irwin
Miss Mumby
Mrs Hartwell

3 Larch Miss Mumford
Mrs Lowe

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 must bring in their own, fully equipped pencil cases due to new Covid rules.

Parents' Consultations and Meet the Teacher.

This term it will not be possible for these events to be carried out in person due to Covid 19. We have put together an informative video explaining our approach in year 3 which will be made available for you. Parent's Consultations will be held via video link. Arrangements and dates will be shared with you via the website.



How to contact us...

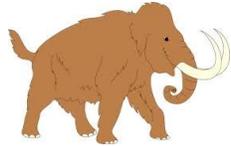
If you have any queries or if there is anything about your child that we should know, please send an email to the Office on 'info.raleigh@sfet.org.uk' to arrange a time when we can speak with you. It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances 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 Tuesday 22nd 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 create a short comic strip.

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.

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 three adult signatures during the previous week will be required to visit Mrs O'Neill during playtime.

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 '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, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables and corresponding division facts.

Indoor PE

This will be on a Thursday morning for both classes. This term we will be adapting traditional African dance moves. We will also be exploring different jumping techniques.

Outdoor PE

This will be on a Wednesday afternoon. We are lucky enough, this term, to be receiving specialist coaching in 'handball' with premier sport. 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 trainers everyday. However, until further notice the children will not be changing into a PE kit for lessons.



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.