

'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.



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 their children. Alternatively, if you have a question or comment relating to an everyday event (such as homework) you can send in a note in your child's reading record book and we will

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 Angela Hamilton (all except Thursday)

Kathy Hollingshurst (Thursday)

Karen Young (mornings)

Suzanne Perrin (TA) (afternoons)

3R Emma Rogers (Wednesday to Friday)

Kathy Hollingshurst (Monday and Tuesday)

Catherine Young (TA) (all except Wednesday)

Jenny Worwood (Wednesday)

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!

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 22nd September, which will really bring this topic to life and the children will be able to experience an archaeological dig! We will be following this up with a Stone Age Workshop at school on Thursday 2nd November!



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 next 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, or if you have a busy family weekend and the homework is not done, please do send a note in with your child.

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**. The Reading Record will be checked every Monday and 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.

English

We will continue to work on grammar, spelling and punctuation and encourage your child to use joined 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. Spelling sessions will take place three times a week.

Science

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



Maths

We will be working on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and applying these to a variety of different, 'real life' contexts. We aim to develop your child's problem solving skills through weekly investigations. It would be a great help if you could practise using money with your child as they will benefit hugely from being familiar with the value of coins. We will also be working on a selection of times tables; by the end of the year your child should know their 2x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables.

Indoor PE

This will be on a Friday morning for both classes.

Outdoor PE

This will be on a Monday afternoon. We are benefiting from sports coaching in their games lessons from specialist outside sports coaching staff.

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.

