



Year 3 Newsletter

Friday 25th May 2018

New Topic

This term we are linking the contents of most subjects so that the children are given a rich, broad-based curriculum. Our theme this term is 'Pirates' which includes links between Art, Music, DT, History and Geography. There will be a whole day focus to launch the topic near the start of the term, where we will make resources, decorate the classrooms and learn some Pirate Songs, amongst other things!

Reading

There is no doubt that children benefit greatly from reading regularly. Reading feeds their imagination, widens their vocabulary and, in turn, enhances their writing. We are grateful to you for spending time reading and discussing books with your child and would ask that you **write a comment** in his/her homework diary each time you do so. This will give us an indication of progress at home. We expect to see at least 3 comments each week and will award house points for this, when the children show us your comments. Likewise, we would hope to see that children have been practising their times tables and will award house points for those practising at least 3 times each week. All times tables are important, but this term we are focusing on x3, x4, x8.

PE Kit

All of Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Indoor kit: *black shorts and plain white T-shirt, plimsolls or trainers.*

Outdoor kit: *as for indoor PE plus sweatshirt and jogging bottoms or track-suit for when cold and plimsolls/trainers with good grip. *Trainers should only be worn during PE sessions and not as everyday footwear.*

Homework

We expect the children to practise their spellings, times tables and to read daily – around 5 minutes on each is perfectly adequate. On the set Maths and English homework, your child shouldn't spend any more time than 30 minutes - please ensure they stop at this point and note this in the homework diary. Should your child ever lose a piece of homework, we always have lots of spare copies in the classroom. If a child doesn't understand a particular question on their homework, they can discuss with the teacher and work on it during morning or afternoon registration, where the teacher can support if needed. Homework is set on Fridays, and due in on the following Friday. Usually (but not always), we alternate Maths and English weekly. Since the homework section of the OMS Planners is a little tricky for most Year 3s to complete, the homework will usually come with instructions, guidance and a 'Due In' date.

School equipment

Once again the children look smart in their school colours and we hope that this will continue throughout the school year. Children are allowed to wear watches in school and small studs if necessary, but necklaces, bracelets and rings are not allowed. They will be asked to remove jewellery before a PE session – our advice is that they do not wear it on those days. Making sure they have the right equipment for lessons is also of great importance – pencils, black pen, ruler, rubbers and a pencil sharpener are all valuable learning resources. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Lunchtime clubs

The following lunchtime clubs are currently being held.

Activity	Day	Teacher	Location	Time
Orchestra	Monday	MK Music Services	Music Room	12:30 – 1:00
Football	Monday	MK Dons	Ball Court	12:30 – 1:00
Science Club	Monday	Mrs Garfirth	3LG	12:30 - 1:00
Drama Club	Monday	Miss Scott	3RS	12:30 - 1:00
HotShots	Tuesday	HotShots Team	Ball Court	12:00 - 1:00
Homework Club	Wednesday	Year 3 Teacher (various)	3JB	12:30 - 1:00

Dates for the diary

Transition Day - Children spend two days in with their new teacher for September.
Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July

The Year 3 Team

English:

The children will be reading and writing two main types of stories next term. The first is an African Folktale with a moral, and the children will then write their own. We are then going to write our own mystery stories. We will also do lots of writing linked to Pirates!

Maths: The Summer Term will include: fractions and finding fractions of amounts, adding and subtracting fractions and comparing fractions. We are then moving on to properties of 2D and 3D shape, and then we will spend some time on Perimeter - measuring and finding perimeter of different shapes and making shapes to fit a set size.

Theme:

This term our topic is Pirates! The main focus is on Geography skills - we will be using and making four figure grid references to make treasure maps and find treasure. We will also be using co-ordinates to direct our ships, and look for enemies. We will also be designing ships, learning pirate songs and writing 'A Day on the Water'.

**Learning in Year 3
Summer 2018**

Art:

Art this term will include painting and making models, as well as using pastels for different effects. We will also be

Music:

In music, we will be starting African drumming. The children will learn the correct techniques for playing a djembe, they will learn and practice rhythms and then use these skills to compose and perform their own rhythms on the djembes.

PE:

We will be introducing the core skills needed for athletics including running, jumping and throwing. We will also be exploring the outdoors and team building skills in OAA, where the children complete scavenger hunts, constructing our own maps and treasure hunts planned from scratch by the children. .

French:

Our topic is 'Parts of the Body'. Children will learn the main parts of our bodies in French and play games to help them to remember. We will also revise the French we have learnt so far - mainly greetings and questions you might ask upon meeting someone.