

Y3 Newsletter

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Welcome to Year 3!

We hope you had a fantastic summer break. Here is some information for you about Year 3.

This year we welcome Mrs Wilks to Archibald Primary School! She will be teaching Class 8. There are three Y3 classes in total: Class 7, Class 8 and Class 9. The Class 7 teacher is Mrs Dickinson and the Class 9 teacher is Mr Kearns.

The teaching assistants are Miss Liphthorpe in Class 7, Mrs Smith in Class 9 and we will be welcoming a new TA in Class 8 later in the term.

Don't forget:

The doors are opened each morning at 8:45am for pupils to enter their classrooms and prepare for the day.

The external doors are closed and the register is taken at 8:55 am and any children arriving after this time are late and should report to the school office.

Swimming

Year 3 will be going swimming in the Spring Term. More details will follow on next term's newsletter.

PE

PE is on the following days and children **MUST** have their PE kit in school on these days.

Class 7: Tuesday and Wednesday

Don't be Late – Be on Time – School starts at ¼ to 9.

Class 8: Monday and Tuesday
Class 9: Tuesday and Wednesday

It is advisable for children to keep a PE kit in school at all times and take it home on a Friday to wash it.



Homework

Homework is give out every Friday and **must** be returned to school on the following Monday or Tuesday.

Learning in Y3

English

In our literacy lessons in the first half term we will be focussing on **instructions** before moving on to look at **fiction**. In the second half term we will be writing **letters** during our World War One Special Week.

Mathematics

In our mathematics lessons we will be learning about place value - a very important basis for mathematics!

There are some puzzles to try on this website:

<http://nrich.maths.org/8958>

We will also be practising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Remember to keep practising your **times tables!**



Spelling

This term we will be exploring **homophones** as well as the Year 3 spelling rules. A copy of key words and these rules are available upon request from one of the Year 3 staff members if you would like to practise at home!

Topic

Our Learning Context for Autumn Term is **Pharaoh**. We are all very excited to learn about Ancient Egypt!



Here are some useful websites for research at home:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/egyptians/>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zq87xnb>
- <http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk>
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/egypt/mummies.htm>

After half term we will be working on a **community project**.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter!



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Home - School Partnership

We value a strong partnership between home and school and believe that when this partnership is strong pupils make the most of what school can offer.

Class teachers are available informally at the end of each day if you have any concerns or quick questions. Alternatively you may make an appointment to meet together at a mutually convenient time.

Facebook



We are now on Facebook! Search for **Archibald Primary School** and click 'Like' to receive updates and photos in your newsfeed.

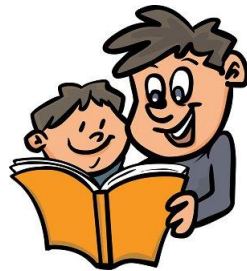
Y3 Reading Challenge

We are aiming to read a rainbow in Year 3! Each reading session that has been signed by a parent/carer in your reading record will go towards your total and certificates and prizes are detailed below:

Red - 25 (pencil)
Orange - 50 (rubber)
Yellow - 75 (notepad)
Green - 100 (book)
Blue - 125 (pencil case)
Indigo - 150 (comic)
Violet - 175 (stationery set)
Rainbow - 200 (£5 WHSmith voucher)



At each level pupils are presented with a certificate in assembly and receive the corresponding prize.



- Please ensure that all items of clothing are named as uniforms, especially jumpers can easily get mixed up. Each classroom has a jumper box and pupils are reminded to place their jumpers in the box if they remove them.
- All packed lunch boxes should be named and placed on the trolley in the cloakroom at the start of the day. Y3 pupils are responsible for collecting their own lunch box at the start of lunchtime and replacing it on the trolley after lunch.
- It is very important that we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.
- We use text messages to remind you of things and to share good news stories about your child and their learning. Please make sure that the school office has your up to date mobile number.

How can I help at home?

Talk to your child each day about what they have been doing at school, what they have learned and what they are looking forward to the next day.

Support your child with their homework tasks. Homework is usually sent home on a Friday and we ask that it is returned by the following Tuesday. **Homework tasks are planned for you and your child to complete together.** If you have any questions about the homework tasks set please ask your child's class teacher or TA.

Listen to your child reading. Pupils should change their book regularly.

