

# Y3 Newsletter

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

## Happy New Year 2016!

*We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break. Here's what's going on in Year 3 this term...*

### New teacher

We are delighted to welcome Miss Clark to our team this term! She will be replacing Mrs Anderson, who will be missed. Miss Clark will be teaching Class 9 in the afternoons and Friday mornings as well as working in the other Year 3 classes during the week.

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 should report to the school office.

### Swimming

Year 3 will be going swimming every afternoon for the first two weeks of this half term (beginning 5.1.16) as well as the last week of the following half term (23.3.15). Our second session will begin the last two weeks of spring term (week beginning 14.3.16) Children will need to bring in their swimming kit, including a towel. **Please be aware that due to our session times we will be back to school at 3:10pm during these weeks.**

### PE kit

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 given 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 **fabes and traditional tales** before moving on to look at **Shakespeare plays**. In the second half term we will be exploring **language play** as well as **myths and legends!**



### Mathematics

In our mathematics lessons we will be learning about column addition and subtraction - a very important skill to have! We will also be learning how to solve more complicated multiplication and division problems so keep practising your **times tables!**



### Spelling

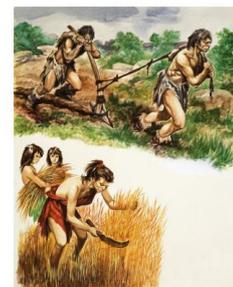
Children receive their spellings every Friday so that they have a week to practise before the spelling test (also each Friday). This term we will be exploring how **suffixes** alter a word.

### Topic

Our Learning Context for Spring Term is **Tribal Tales**. We are all very excited to learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age!

Here are some useful websites for research at home:

- <http://www.kidspast.com/world-history/0008-tools-and-the-stone-age.php>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/ancient-britain.shtml>
- <http://timetravellerkids.co.uk/time-travel/stone-age/>
- [http://www.academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Bronze\\_Age](http://www.academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Bronze_Age)
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- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/british\\_prehistory/iron\\_age\\_intro\\_01.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/british_prehistory/iron_age_intro_01.shtml)



### 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 each day if possible.

## 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.

## 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.

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