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Year 3 - Class Newsletter - Spring Term 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Some dates for your diary:

Year 3 Parents' Information session with Ms Thorpe

Wednesday 15th January, 9.00am in the Staff Room.

Year 3 visit to Cranbourne (please refer to separate letter for details and return slip)

Tuesday 28th January 2020

NSPCC PANTS Day (more information to follow)

Monday 3rd February 2020

Parents' Consultation Sessions - This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's work.

Tuesday 4th February 5.20pm - 7.50pm and Wednesday 5th February 3.40pm - 5.30pm.

Inspired Writing Week

Week commencing Monday 10th February 2020.

INSET Day

Friday 14th February 2020 / No school for children.

HALF TERM BREAK - Week commencing Monday 17th February 2020.

Book Week - Week commencing Monday 2nd March

World Book Day -

Thursday 5th March (Book character costume will be required.)

Our **Year 3 Class Assembly** is on Friday 27th March at 9.20 am in the school hall.



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Easter Break – Week commencing Monday 6th April 2020.

Year 3 Curriculum

Please also refer to knowledge organisers that were sent home at the end of last term. These provide a detailed overview of what we will be covering this term.

Literacy:

Writing

Our daily sessions on writing will continue to cover a lot of our topic based learning. In the first half of the term we will be focussing on the Stone age and Celts. The children will be writing a stone age inspired story and a newspaper article as well developing their poetry writing skills. After the February half term we will turn our attention to the Romans with children writing a diary entry from the perspective of a Roman soldier and a recount about the eruption of Vesuvius.

Reading

The continued development and enjoyment of reading remains a priority for year 3 and we encourage all children to read for 15 minutes a day. Where possible it is helpful for your child to either read to you or discuss their book with you. Giving your child the opportunity to ask questions about words or phrases that they don't understand or to talk to you about the plot of their book helps to further develop their comprehension skills.

All children should have a book from the Accelerated Reading (AR) scheme which should be kept in their book bag and brought to school daily. AR reading books should be changed once your child has completed the online quiz. We also encourage children to choose one non-fiction book to take home per week. There are opportunities for children to change their books during the day and parents and carers are also welcome to visit the library with their child before or after school.

Mathematics Scheme - Power Maths:

Mathematics is taught during the first lesson of every day and the morning activity the children are set before registration will usually be maths based. Children in year 3 have adjusted well to our Power Maths scheme and mathematics continues to be given a high priority within the school. We will be sending Power maths booklets and additional mathematics home learning throughout the term.

Please encourage the use of "Mathletics" at home and "Time Tables Rock Stars" online resource which we will be relaunching with year 3 shortly.

Home Learning:

We will be encouraging the children to do small "home learning" activities each week. They will be given a week (from Thursday to Tuesday) for these tasks. These will be explained on paper-copy and also detailed in Blogs on the Y3 Blog page. This will happen every week.

Online Tools for additional Home Learning:

We would like to encourage all pupils to access the online tools available through the school website to support home learning. We have provided login details and passwords for **Mathletics**, **TTRockstars** and **Purple Mash**. Please see a member of the year 3 team if your child is unable to login to any of these sites.

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Forest School:

Forest School will be on a Monday afternoon and will run for four weeks during the first part of the Spring term and then four weeks after. The class will be split for this. Half will be working with Mrs Thorpe outside whilst the other half are inside with Mrs Bernard focussing on Art. This term our first session will be on Monday 13th January. All children will need long sleeve top, trousers, jumper, waterproof coat and wellingtons. They will need long sleeves and trousers no matter what the weather as this is a protective layer. Please also provide hats and gloves in the cold weather. Please be aware that the clothing that you provide may get dirty. If they have not got the appropriate footwear and clothing then it will be unsafe for them to partake and so will stay inside with another class.

Snacks and Water:

Please provide your child with a named water container that can be topped up when necessary. We are able to provide the children with some fruit, but you may like to supplement this for your child. We would like to positively encourage healthy snacks. Your child should put their snack in the "Snack Tray" when they arrive at school.

Class Blog:

The class blog is the best place to keep up with all the latest news, events and activities in Year Three. You can access this blog through our school website at: <http://www.princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk>, via our Facebook and Twitter (see the links on the school website) or via our school's iPhone App which is available to download in the App Store. We hope that you find this method of communication useful and encourage you to comment using the inbuilt tools. Other staff working with the Year Three Class may also make a comment relating to the children's work.

Communication between School and Parents (Year 3):

Please feel that you can approach any of the Year 3 Team to discuss any issues, worries, concerns that you may have when you drop off and pick up your child. If you would like to arrange a more detailed or confidential chat with either of us, then we would be very happy to make an appointment to do so. From our experience it is always better to deal with any concerns as quickly as possible rather than wait until the Parents Consultation Evenings.

Do use email to contact us if this is more convenient.

Our email address is - b.thorpe@princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk or c.browne@princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Thorpe and Ms Browne
Year 3 Class Teachers