

Equipment

In Term 1 our PE lesson is on Tuesday and will focus on Dance, so indoor kit is required.

In Term 2 our lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday focusing on Invasion games and Gymnastics. The children will require indoor and outdoor kit. Outdoor kit should include **trainers and** warm fleeces/jumpers as it does get cold and we aim to take part in PE whatever the weather. This may mean that kit gets very dirty.

Swimming kits will be needed on Thursdays of Term 1. Your child will need: a towel, a swimming hat and a one piece swimming costume for girls or swimming shorts that are above the knee for boys. Please provide written permission if your child requires goggles. **Please ensure all items are labelled!**



Absence: If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the office by telephone or their class teacher in person, otherwise they will be marked down as an 'unauthorised absence'. Extended absence through illness, whilst sometimes unavoidable, can have a detrimental effect on your child's progress.

Literacy

In Literacy this term, we will begin by exploring alternative versions of traditional tales, as well as writing instructions, recounts and fables. We will also study a range of poetry.

Our weekly spellings will be assessed on Friday. We ask that you encourage your child to focus on the spelling pattern of the word and discuss its meaning to help them use it in the correct context. Your child should have brought home a list of spellings for the whole of Term 1. The spelling lists will also be available on the school website.

Reading

In Year 3, we work hard to improve your child's reading ability. This can only be truly successful with your support. We ask that all children read to an adult, at least **3 times a week** at home. Please record and sign this in their Reading Record.

When reading at home, please ask your child a range of questions to help develop their comprehension skills.

Thank you for your continued support in this area of the curriculum.

Science

During Term 1, we will be studying 'Plants'. This will include naming parts and describing the functions of a plant, the life cycle of plants and the requirements for life and growth.

During Term 2 we will be learning about Rocks This will include learning the layers of the Earth, the three main types of rock and their uses.



Geography



Our Geography topic this term will be 'Weather'. We will cover weather symbols and ask the children to create their own weather forecasts.

We will also be researching different climates with a focus on deserts and tropical regions. At home children are encouraged to research these topics and share what they have found out with the rest of the class.



Homework

In year 3 homework is set on a Thursday and should be handed in on the following Tuesday.

Spelling Homework

There will be a list of spellings for your children to learn. We expect the children to complete the Look Cover Write Check and write some of the words in sentences, which can be completed in their homework book. Please look at the homework sheet for further explanation. Spelling tests will take place on Friday.

Maths Homework

Maths homework will usually be two Mathletics activities. On occasion we provide the children with an alternative activity, which will be explained in their homework book. Once your child has completed the set tasks, please encourage them to explore Live Mathletics and Maths Toons, especially if they would like to be this term's Maths Champion.

Computing

In Term 1 our computing topic is We are Communicators focusing on using email and in Term 2 our topic is We are vloggers, which uses PowerPoint.

Maths

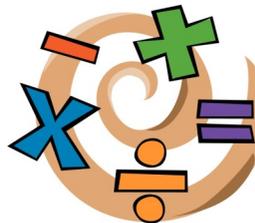
A range of skills will be covered as outlined in the new National Curriculum. This will include: number and place value, addition and subtraction, measurement, geometry, properties and reasoning about number, multiplication and division, fractions, and statistics.

Please encourage your child to learn the 3, 4, 6, and 8 times table. They will also need to have rapid recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

It would benefit your child if they could practise everyday maths skills such as telling the time in 5 minute intervals, handling money, measuring and weighing (cooking).

Children will be given weekly Maths homework.

This will be handed out on a Thursday and is due in the following Tuesday. If your child is finding the homework difficult, please ask them to seek help from the teacher before the due date.



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