

Equipment

In Term 1 our PE lessons are on Thursday and Friday. Thursday's lessons will be outdoors and focus on multi-skills and Friday's lessons will be Dance with Mrs Law.

The children should **come to school in their PE kit** on these days. With some lessons being held outdoors, warm clothes such as jogging bottoms and a jumper would be recommended.

Our PE lessons will continue to be on a Thursday and Friday in Term 2. These lessons will focus 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.

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 some creative writing around the story of 'Stone Age Boy' in detail. 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. When allowed, your child will bring 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 once it has been sent home.

When reading at home, please ask your child a range of questions to help develop their comprehension skills. We will be practising these skills in school during our 'Comprehension Monday' activities.



Science

During Terms 1 and 2 we will be studying 'Animals including Humans'. This will focus on the main body parts associated with skeletons and muscles. The function of the skeleton and how it works with muscles to allow movement. In addition, we will be grouping animals by their diet and discussing the nutritional value of different foods.



History

Our exciting History topic this term will be Prehistoric Britain. We will cover aspects of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will be using a timeline to help us understand just how long ago this period of time was, and we will be comparing the similarities and differences between the ages.



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..



Computing

In Term 1 our computing topic is We are Programmers focusing on Scratch programming and in Term 2 our topic is We are communicators which explores using E-mail!

Maths

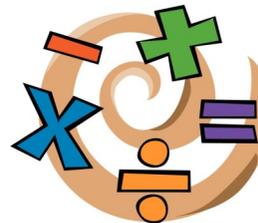
A range of skills will be covered as outlined in the new National Curriculum. This will include: number and place value, addition and subtraction, measurement, geometry, properties and reasoning about number, multiplication and division, fractions, and statistics.

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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