

YEAR 3 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Mrs Gill and I would like to thank you for all of your kind Christmas gifts, cards and good wishes. We hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas.

The children in Year 3 had a great first term and settled into KS2 life fantastically!

This term the children will continue to be supported in their learning by Mrs Gill and Mrs Stafford. Mrs Wilson will also be continuing to teach the children Spanish on a Friday afternoon which they are all enjoying!

This term will also see the continuation of the First Holy Communion programme with the children making their First Reconciliation in March.

We look forward to another busy, hardworking half term and especially our Theatre trip shortly!



Mrs Hanley

Year 3 Class Teacher

Important Days

Monday:

Hand in homework.

Reading books changed.

PE kit required.

Wednesday:

Reading books changed.

Thursday:

Reading books changed.

PE kit required.

Musical instruments required.

Friday:

Spelling test

Times Table Test (alternate weeks)

Homework given.

Year 3 Topics

- In RE, we will be studying The Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will explore this Sacrament to gain a deeper understanding.
- Our work in English will begin by studying a unit of work on Autobiographies. We will then move on to Legends.
- In Maths this half term, our work will include formal methods of multiplication and division as well as mental maths, times tables and measures.
- In Science, the children will be completing their work on Forces and Magnets then will move onto Light & Shadows where they will complete lots of practical investigations.
- In Spanish, the children will be learning how to say their name and studying colours and fruit.
- Our topic this term will be Geography based on Cities & Rivers, where the children will focus on the importance of rivers near some major cities, both in the UK and further afield.

Important Dates:

Wed 18th Jan - Theatre trip to West Yorkshire Playhouse.

Fri 27th Jan - FHC mass to celebrate Chapters 5 & 6 - 9.30am in Church.

Fri 10th Feb - School closes for Half Term.

Homework

Reading: Year 3 children are expected to read for 20 minutes per night. Books are changed by Mrs Gill on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be sent home on these days. As the books will begin to get longer in KS2, the children may not be ready to change their book on every changing day but should ensure they aim for at least once a week. School reading books can also be complimented with own choice reading books, magazines, newspapers and online reading books on Bug Club.

Spellings: Children will be given a set of spellings (up to 8 words) each Friday to be brought home and practice. We will be using the spellings in many different ways throughout the week to aid learning. The children will be tested the following Friday.

Times Tables: The children are required to learn their tables by heart. We have already worked on the 3 and 4 times tables and we are now focussing on the 8 times table. We will then move on to the 6 times table. They will be tested each alternate Friday on these.

Written Homework: This will be given out on a Friday to be returned on Monday. This task should take about 20 minutes and is completed in a homework book. There will be a balance of English and Maths, along with some topic work throughout the year.



Parental Assistance

Please can you :

- *Support your child with their homework.
- *Read together as a family.
- *Ensure your child knows their times tables well.
- * Ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day.



Home Access

Remember to log onto Bug Club for extra reading and writing activities.



For Maths fun, use Mathletics and the White Rose Maths Hub.



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