

### Year 3 Noticeboard - Term 1 2018

Welcome to Year 3 in your new school building! We are pleased to welcome Miss Smith and Mrs Walter to the Year 3 team! Now that the children are in Key Stage 2 they will notice a few changes in both their timetable and expectations. There is, of course, no afternoon playtime and the afternoons can seem quite long at first so we are making sure each class has a comfort break to begin with. It is also worth noting that children in Key Stage 2 no longer receive free fruit from the government at playtime. They are however encouraged to bring their own piece of fresh fruit or vegetable in a suitable container. We also ask that you provide your child with a **named** water bottle so they have regular access to fresh water and keep hydrated.

This term we will be becoming 'Geologists' during our 'Rocks and Soils' Science topic. The children will have the chance to learn about different rock formations, how soils form, as well as fossils and how volcanoes erupt! In our History topic we will be learning about Early man which will be enriched by our trip next term to Flag Fen near Peterborough, details of which will follow shortly.

Our English topic this term will involve the children exploring stories with familiar settings and character descriptions. It would be very useful to discuss these aspects during any shared or bedtime reading sessions you may have. As before, we expect them to read at least **five** times each week at home, which we ask you to record in their reading record which will be checked weekly. We also ask that you support the learning of spellings that are set. Tests will usually take place weekly and a label will be placed in the reading record books, detailing which list to learn. Thanks for your support.

In Maths this term, we will study Number & Place Value. The children will also be reviewing their number bonds and developing their times tables knowledge. These will be assessed on a weekly basis. The children will

be given a label in their Reading Record to indicate which multiplication and division facts they should be working on. In order to move on, the children must successfully complete a timed weekly test. Details to follow shortly. If you would like to further support maths, remember R M Maths has activities relevant to the teaching in class.

We will begin French lessons once a week, learning greetings, introducing themselves, musical instruments, as well as numbers to 10 this term.

In addition, your child may occasionally come home with other activities/work from school. These are generally optional tasks that the child has chosen to complete, unless you are informed otherwise.

It is advisable that the children do not wear earrings on P.E. days. If they do, they will be asked to remove them themselves or use earring tape, as we are not permitted to help them with this. The Year Three P.E. days are as follows-

Mr. Crook – Tuesday & Wednesday

Mrs. Owen/Mrs. Walter – Wednesday & Friday

Miss Smith – Tuesday & Wednesday

However, it is advisable for your child to keep their P.E kit in school at all times, as we sometimes have extra PE activities.

Please remember to read our Year 3 blog on our website where you will find details and pictures of what we have been up to. We are looking forward to an exciting year with lots of fun activities, trips and visitors in school. Please remember, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to pop in and ask.

The Year 3 Team