



Friday 8th September 2023

Year 3 Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new school year and we hope you all had a lovely summer break, it's great to see everyone back and enthusiastic to start learning. We have enjoyed exploring art in the style of Pablo Picasso this week as part of the school's Art week.

This term we will be learning about the Early Britons from the Stone age to the Iron age in History. In Science we will be focusing on the topics of Rocks and Soil as well as Humans, Animals and Nutrition. In English we will be using film clips from the BFG to learn about narrative writing and Portia Spiders to write a non-chronological report. We will be focusing on 'Into the Forest' and 'Mulan' for shared reading. In Maths, we will be working on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) using 3-digit numbers. In addition to these subjects, the children will also be taught Music, Art, PSHE, PE, Computing, RE, French, Spellings and Handwriting.

In Year 3, the children will receive one piece of homework weekly as well as a list of spellings to learn. In addition to this, we ask parents/carers to listen to your child read at least four times per week. Please record this in their Reading Record and sign it. Records will be collected in and progress monitored on a weekly basis. We also encourage children to log onto Purple Mash or Timestables Rockstars to practice their times tables. By the end of Year 4 they are expected to know all the tables up to x 12. If you need any guidance on how to access Purple Mash or Timestable Rockstars, please speak to your child's Class Teacher.

Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack for breaktime if they wish to have one.

Homework and Weekly Timetable

Monday:

Tuesday: PE

Wednesday: PE, hand homework in.

Thursday: library time and reading records checked (please hand in weekly)

Friday: homework and spellings given out.

PE Kit

Your child should wear PE kit to school on Tuesdays and Wednesday and they should wear a school jumper with it, not a hoodie or other sweatshirt. We take children outdoors for PE in all weathers, so please make sure your child's PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Dark coloured jogging bottoms for the winter. If your child wears earrings to school, please provide tape to cover and protect their ears, or teach your child to take them out or ideally not wear them on PE days.

We are really looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher either at the classroom door or via email (year3@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Tillett, Mrs Hoskins and Mrs Ritchie.