



Friday 16th January 2026

Year 3 Spring Term

Welcome back to the Spring term and a New Year. I hope you all had a lovely restful, Christmas break.

This term we will be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains in Geography as well developing our mapping skills. In Science we will be continuing the topic Animals including Humans by looking at skeletons and muscles. After half term, we will be learning about Plants. In English, we will be focusing on poetry, specifically studying one of the poems from 'The Lost Words' as well as writing a diary entry linked with the book, The Iron Man. Flotsam and Mary Anning – Fossil Hunter, will also be used for writing a newspaper report and descriptive writing.

Our shared reading texts will be Varjak Paw and The Wild Robot. In maths, we will continue be focusing on multiplication and division, length and perimeter, and fractions. In addition to these subjects, the children will continue to be taught Art, PSHE, PE, DT, Computing, RE, French, Spellings and Handwriting.

In Year 3, the children will continue to receive one piece of homework weekly. This will either be linked with their maths or English learning from that week. In addition to this, we ask parents/carers to listen to your child read regularly. Whilst listening to your child read, please ask them questions about what they've read and their understanding of the vocabulary they are reading. Please record this in their Reading Record. We also encourage children to log onto Times Table 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 Times Tables Rockstars, please come and speak to me.

Homework and Weekly Timetable

Monday:

Tuesday: PE

Wednesday: PE

Thursday: Homework to be handed in.

Friday: Library day and new homework to be given out.

PE Kit

Similar to last term, please bring in PE kits on a Monday and then they will be taken home on Friday. As a school, 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/jogging bottoms (non-branded) and trainers (trainers are better for outside sports than plimsolls. Plimsolls are better for inside PE). 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. Please can a spare pair of socks also please be put into PE bags as children's feet at break times may get wet due to the weather.

At lunchtimes, the children have the opportunity to go onto the field, meadow and garden to play. Due to the weather this term being wet, these areas will be muddy and can often only be accessed when wearing wellies. Please could each child bring in a pair of wellies to change into for these playtimes. Thank you.

Please do remember that if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself either at the classroom door or via email (year3@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk).

Thank you for your support,

Miss Mapleston