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Year 3 Summer Term

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope you all had a happy, safe and healthy Easter break.

This term we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians in History as well as revisiting our local area and considering the physical and human features before comparing it to another country in the world in Geography. In Science we will be finding out about 'Forces and Magnets' and next half term 'Light'. In English, we will continue to develop our sentence writing and will be applying our learning to a range of fiction and non-fiction writing. We will be focusing on using a range of tenses, speech, fronted adverbials, prepositional phrases and other grammatical features. In spelling, we will continue to focus on learning a new spelling rule each week. In Reading, we will be studying the book, 'The Wild Robot'. In our reading lessons we will be focusing on the six main skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarizing. In Maths, we will be focusing on measurement, money, time and data collection. In addition to these subjects, the children will continue to be taught Art, PSHE, PE, Computing, RE, French, Spellings and Handwriting.

In Year 3, the children will receive one piece of homework weekly. In addition to this, please continue to listen to your child read as this really benefits their fluency skills. When reading with your child, please ask questions about the text they have read. This will continue to help develop their comprehension skills. Please record this in their Reading Record. I would also encourage children to log onto Purple Mash or Timestables Rockstars to practice their times tables. We have learnt the 2, 5, 3 and 4 times tables so far and will be learning the 8's this term and then consolidating our knowledge. By the end of Year 4, the children are expected to know all of their tables up to x 12. If you need any guidance on how to access any of the websites or how to practice times tables at home, please come and see me.

Homework and Weekly Timetable

Monday:

Tuesday: PE

Wednesday: PE

Thursday: Hand homework in.

Friday: Homework given out.

PSHE

We shall be covering the concepts of Growing and Changing, progressing from the content the children were taught last year. A more detailed outline of this will be sent to parents as a separate letter shortly.



PE Kit

Please make sure PE kits are brought in every Monday. We will continue to have PE every Tuesday and Wednesday. As the weather is getting warmer, I will be taking the children outdoors for PE for both sessions. Please make sure your child's PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Plain, dark coloured jogging bottoms can also be worn (please make sure there are no logos on them). If your child wears earrings to school, please provide tape to cover and protect their ears, or teach your child to take them out, if possible not wear them on PE days.

Important date for your calendars:

- Ancient Egyptian Workshop on Thursday 4th June.

As the weather is warming up, please could I ask that all children bring in a water bottle and a sun hat. Sun cream should also be applied in the morning if possible.

I am looking forward to working alongside you and your children this term. 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