



Friday 2nd May 2025

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 Greece in History as well developing mapping skills looking at the Mediterranean with a specific focus on Greece. In Science we will be finding out about 'Forces and Magnets' and next half term 'Light'. In English we will be developing our persuasive writing skills using our geographical knowledge on the Mediterranean by creating leaflets. As well as this, we will also be continuing to develop our narrative skills by writing our own version of a Greek Myth. 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 look continue to study fractions before moving onto money, time and measurement. 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 continue to receive one piece of homework weekly as well as a piece of spelling homework that links to the spelling rule of the week. 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 your 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 and 3 times tables so far and will be learning the 4's and 8's this term. 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.

On Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th April we welcomed two PSHE workshops delivered by West Berkshire Council on healthy life styles, how to sleep well and the importance of staying active.



PE Kit

Your child should wear PE kit to school on Tuesdays and Wednesday and they should wear a school jumper with it. They can bring a separate sweatshirt or hoodie to wear during the PE session only. Any other sweatshirt/hoodie cannot be worn during the school day. I will be taking the 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.

Important date for your calendars:

- Ancient Greek Workshop on Thursday 5th 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