

### Computing

- We will continue with word processing skills and using Google Classroom.
- We will also learn how to search the internet effectively and use Excel to create tables.

### PSHE

- Our first topic will be Democracy.
- Later in the term, the children will take part in a range of internet safety and feeling good/well being activities.

## Year Three Newsletter

**Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to the spring term.**



### Science

- Our new topic is Healthy Eating and Healthy Bodies which includes:
- Food groups, nutrients and balanced diets.
- Comparing human and animal diets.
- Designing and making a 'balanced' mini pizza.
- Making bird food and taking part in the Big Schools' Bird Watch.

### English

- Report writing based on the book 'The Atlas of Adventures.' The children will create a leaflet with a geography focus.
- They will also write their own traditional tale inspired by Dick King Smith's 'The Finger Eater'
- Spellings will continue to be sent home to learn and children will also be encouraged to find their own extra words which fit the week's pattern.

### Music

- Introducing the notes sol and la into notation.
- Exploring instruments.
- Developing group singing through simple rounds.

### Art

- Sculpture work inspired by the work of Alexander Calder and Louise Nevelson.
- A range of drawing activities including tone, patterns with line and shape and 3D geometric shapes.

### Spanish

- Animals and colours.
- Gender, articles, plurals and adjectives.
- The verbs es (he/she/it is), son (they are) and hay (there is/are).

### PE

- We will start a new topic called 'Outdoor and Adventurous Activities' which will include team building activities and trails.
- The children will also develop their gymnastics skills by creating sequences with hand apparatus, such as hoops, ribbons and bean bags.

### Maths

- Our main topics this term will be multiplication and division, money and statistics.
- We will also continue with our fluency sessions to develop and consolidate essential maths skills such as times tables and number bonds.
- The children will be encouraged to use a range of resources to support their methods.
- The 'Maths Challenge' test will continue every Thursday.

### Geography

- Our topic is 'Weather Around the World.' This will include finding out about types of weather, climate zones, world climates and how the weather affects people. The children will take turns to make daily weather observations and will also take part in some science investigations linked to weather.

### RE

- We will study key religious people, events in the life of Jesus, stories Jesus told and the role of leaders.

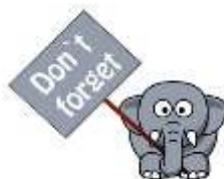
## PE

Year 3 will usually have PE on Tuesdays (outdoor) and Wednesdays (indoor), although the children need to have their PE kit in school all week as the lessons may change.

Please make sure they have trainers, and joggers and a sweatshirt/hoodie for the colder weather. As trainers may get muddy, a plastic bag would be useful. Remember socks please if girls are wearing tights. Earrings should be covered with the child's own tape or removed.

## Reminders

### & Extra Information



## Something to prepare!

You will need a shoe box lid or a small box such as a cereal or teabags box with one face cut out so it is an open box for our junk sculptures! You can also bring in 'junk' items that can be stuck on such as milk carton tops, lolly sticks, corks, jigsaw pieces, dried pasta etc. I will let you know when you need to bring these things in. Thank you.



## Reading at Home

We will continue to send reading books home and these can be changed on Monday-Thursday. Children should read at least 3 times a week and this needs to be recorded in their reading record. All children now have logins for Myon. They should choose books by clicking on library, then recommended. This will then bring up a list of books in their ZPD (their reading level). Once children have finished a book, they can complete a quiz. Books read on Myon also count as a reading session.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

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## Homework

Homework will consist of weekly spellings, reading, TT Rock Stars and practising maths skills for the year 3 challenge. Mrs Holt will set a whole school challenge every month (detailed in the school newsletter). Children will be awarded a certificate and prize for completing these challenges! Lots of year 3 children completed the November and December challenges. Keep up the good work!

## Useful Websites

Weather and climate <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7dkhbk>  
Climate zones <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zr7hyrd>

Science – food groups and balanced diet  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrfr82/articles/zppv4j>

Maths Activities (this site includes 'Hit the Button' which is great for number bonds and doubling and halving as well as times tables).  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>

## Times Table Rock Stars

Children were given their login details for TT Rock Stars last term. This is excellent for practising times tables and related division facts. Try to have a go 3 times a week, for around 10 minutes each time. If you would like your choices of times tables changed, then please ask.

## Year 3 Maths Challenge

Our maths challenge test is every Thursday. Children work through the levels and need to achieve 20/20 on both test 1 and 2 to earn a certificate for that level. The levels include number bonds, doubling and halving and a variety of times table and division questions. If you would like some tests to practise at home, please ask.