

Y3 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM



Dear Parents / Guardians,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a good Christmas break. It's been great to hear from the children about the wonderful time they have all had.

Please find below ways in which you can help your child in their learning at home this term.

Reading

- Listen to your child read a short amount of text at least three times a week.
- Make sure you ask them questions about the text that they are reading. Can they justify the answers that they give by referring to the text or locating the information in the text?
- Make sure that they stop to learn the meaning of new or unfamiliar words. Help them to use these new words in other contexts to secure their understanding.

Writing

- Make sure that they form all their letters correctly when they are writing and that letter heights are correct.
- Make sure that they use capital letters, full stops, commas and question marks correctly in all their writing.
- Help them to use a dictionary to find, check the meaning of and spell new or unfamiliar words they are writing.
- Encourage them to proof read all their writing to check that it makes sense and says what they want it to.

Maths

- Help your child to learn by heart their 3x, 4x and 8x table and can answer them in any order.
- Help them to learn the corresponding division facts e.g. $8 \times 3 = 24$, 24 divided by 3 = 8
- Make sure that your child can make different amounts of money with coins and notes quickly and accurately.
- Help your child to be able to tell the time – o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to – and know what the digital equivalents are.

Science

- Be able to label a flower and know it is the reproductive part of the plant.
- Be able to describe how pollination occurs by insects or the wind.
- Know each of the food groups and understand their job in our body e.g. protein – repairs and builds the body, carbohydrates give the body energy, fruit and vegetables provide vitamins and minerals, dairy supports bone and teeth growth.
- That skeletons are needed to support our body, protect our organs and to help us move.
- Describe what a fossil is.
- Know that shadows are formed when an object blocks the light.

Topic

- Know that the Tudors were a royal family from Wales.
- Point out Tudor buildings in and around York.
- Know that Victoria was very young when she became queen.
Know that the lives of the rich were very different to the poor (in both the Tudor and Victorian eras).

Personal

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible:

- Remember to complete their homework and hand it in on a Monday morning
- Remember to practice their spellings at least twice each week
- Remember to collect all the things they need at the end of the day – pack up box, book bag, jumper, coat
- Have a go at learning to tie laces.

Spelling sheets are given out each week. Please practise these as much as possible as those children who practise more frequently have greater success.

Our class assembly is on Friday 15th March.

We are planning a school trip linked to our history topic and will let you know the details in due course.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rooney, Mrs Mills and Miss Bell.

Please note that your child's teacher is the adult in school who is primarily responsible for children's academic, social and emotional well-being. As such, they are very happy to discuss with you any issues surrounding your child's time at school, and should be the first point of contact should you have any concerns or requests.