

# Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2024

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a lovely, restful time over the Christmas holidays. Please find below an overview of the topics that we will be learning about over the next 5 weeks and some important notices for this term.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs GB via phone/email, or write a note in your child's reading record. Best wishes, Miss Winfield

## Our Learning in Year 3 – Spring 1

### English

We are basing our English work around 'The Night Gardener' and will firstly focus on writing mystery stories. Then, we will learn how to write non-fiction information texts about plants.

### SPAG / Handwriting

In Year 3 we will keep working towards joining our handwriting and maintaining regular size and spacing!

### Maths

We will be learning about multiplication and division, beginning with revising the 2, 5 and 10x tables, before learning the 4, 8, 3, 6, 9 and 7x tables.

### Science

In Science, we will be investigating plants. This will link to our English work on The Night Gardener, where we will learn what makes plants and flowers grow and flourish.

### Topic

Our next History topic will be exploring similarities and change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Our Geography topic will be all about volcanoes around the world.

### Art

Our Art work will be focused on flower paintings, and studying the artists Georgia O'Keefe and Frida Kahlo.

### DT

Using our Science knowledge of Light and Dark, we will design and create our own shadow puppets.

### Spanish

We will be learning the vocabulary for a range of fruits in Spanish, and how to give an opinion in conversation.

### PSHE

Our topic for this half-term is 'Dreams and Goals'.

### Computing

In Computing, we will be learning all about creating sequences in a block-based programming language to make music.

### RE

In RE, we will focus on the question: Why are festivals important to religious communities?

## Curriculum Notices

### Music

The children will continue to learn the trumpet with Mr Novell and will need their trumpets on a **Friday morning**,

### Forest School

On **alternate Fridays**, the children will continue their Forest School sessions with Kirsty and Ruth. These will take place on Week 2 and 4 of this half-term. Children will need a full change of warm clothes, including boots/wellies, long trousers and a long-sleeve top or jumper.

### PE

The children will be having swimming lessons at Queen Margaret's School this term on **Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan**, and **every Wednesday** after that. They will need to arrive promptly at school as we will be leaving at 8.45am, with a swimming costume/trunks, towel, swim cap and goggles (if needed). We will also continue our dance sessions with Miss Sam on **Thursdays** and the children will need indoor PE kits (white t-shirt and shorts/leggings).

## Other Information

### Snacks

In KS2, snack is no longer provided at playtime. If you wish to provide your child with a snack, please make sure this is healthy – i.e. no chocolate bars or crisps. Please remember we are a nut free school too!

### Homework

On **Fridays**, I will set a SPAG and Maths homework task. These will need to be completed in the children's green homework books that they will take home and return to school on the following **Tuesday**. The children will have instructions for completing their homework in their green books. We will be working on times tables recall and spellings accuracy, to support their learning in school.

### Reading Books

The children will have the opportunity to read daily at school, either independently or with an adult. In Year 3, the children will either be reading school books with coloured bands, or some children may progress to 'free-readers', where they can select their own book to read (from school or home). In KS2, we are promoting independence and organisation, and will expect the children to take home and return reading books and reading records to school **every day**. Reading at home is still hugely important in Year 3 and we always appreciate your support with this at home.