

A Message from Year 3

Welcome to Year 3, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for new learning experiences. Mr Thompson, Miss Bailey and Miss Gecheva are the three Year 3 teachers.

Reading

We will be reading “Greta and the Giants” by Zoe Tucker. This is a really popular text about a young girl who lives in a forest, which is threatened by giants that want to cut down the trees to make way for new homes. After that, we will be reading “The Pebble in my Pocket” by Meredith Hooper. This is a narrative non-fiction book which follows the journey of a single pebble from its origins 480 million years ago to the present day.



Writing

We begin this term writing narratives, building the children’s descriptive writing skills and encouraging them to write with increasing confidence and stamina.

Maths

In maths we will begin by recapping the learning in Year 2 before learning place value, addition and subtraction. We also ask that children practise their times tables on TT Rockstars. Logins will be provided for this.

Wider curriculum

Our **Science** topic this term is Rocks - the children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties, as well as looking at how fossils are formed.

In **History**, we will be looking at Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

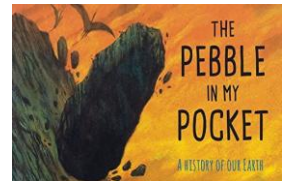
In **Geography** we will be studying maps, fieldwork and locational knowledge.

In **RE** we will be looking at Hinduism and the beliefs of Hindu people.

In **PSHE** our topic is “Being me in my world” looking specifically at how they build positive friendships.

Our **P.E.** focus this term is Fundamental Movements & Multisports.

In **Spanish** this term the children will be immersing themselves in learning numbers to 10.



Homework

We will be sending out homework books every **Friday**. Each week will have a new list of spellings. Homework books are to be returned **every Wednesday**.

Uniform

Uniform (Winter) - White polo shirt, navy blue skirt / trousers / pinafore, school jumper / sweatshirt / cardigan.

Uniform (Summer) - White shirt, navy blue shorts / school jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
Blue and white checked summer dress.

Religious head dress should be plain navy, black or white.

Footwear - All children should wear sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers or plimsolls with plain socks or tights (White, navy).

P.E

- **Attenborough - Tuesday and Thursday**
- **Mercury - Monday and Tuesday**
- **Singh - Monday and Tuesday**

PE kit for all - Plain navy shorts and a white t-shirt, black plimsolls or trainers.

Please note – on PE days children are to come to school in their PE kit.

Reading Records

Children should be reading at home (independently or to an adult) **at least 3 times a week**, but preferably every day.

They will have reading tasks at the front of their reading record.

We would like to see evidence of this in reading records with the children recording a detailed comment about the section they have read.