

Newsletter

Spring 1 – Year 3



I would like to say that whilst I have loved my time on maternity, I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Y3 this week. They are a wonderful class who have all worked incredibly hard and I look forward to spending the rest of the year with them.

Our topic this half term is: **Tribal Tales**

In this History based topic, we will be learning about the changes in Britain through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The children will be finding facts through various resources such as the internet, leaflets, and fiction and non-fiction books. They will use this information to write fact files and adventure stories in their Literacy work.

The children will be looking at the different parts and functions of plants and will be given the opportunity to dissect one to have a closer look. We will also be investigating what plants need to survive.

In Maths, we will continue to practise addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and the children will be using these skills to solve worded problems. We will also be moving on to work with measure and fractions. Times tables are a continuous importance in Maths and therefore we ask that children are practising their times tables on a regular basis. There are several free apps available to help with times tables, as well as educational websites. The children particularly enjoy "Beatbox tables" and "Hit the button".

We will also be going to Durham Palace Green library, on 29th January, where the children will look at prehistoric artefacts, take part in fun activities and ask experts lots of questions.

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they:

- Read 4 times in a week at home
- Follow the Golden Rules
- Wear correct uniform
- Have full attendance for the week
- Have no late marks

Remember - if your child manages to reach the expected reads (100) this term, they will also receive a new book and a certificate from Mrs Watson!

Important Dates for your diary

Break up for half term: Friday 9th February

Back to school: Monday 19th February

PD Days:

Monday 16th April

Monday 4th June

Friday 20th July

Monday 23rd July

Just a few reminders for you to help your child with the organisation of their school week:

- Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due back in school, completed, on the following Tuesday. Children not completing this are sent out automatic reminders in their planners. Topic Grid homework is ongoing over the full half term.
- Enjoy reading with your child 4 times a week. This can be their school reading book or any reading done at home. Children not completing this are sent out automatic reminders in their planners.
- We will be doing P.E on Tuesday afternoons. Therefore, please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Thank you for your continued support.