

YEAR 3 INFORMATION LETTER

January 2020

Dear Parents,

The Year 3 team would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and a welcome back to the Spring term. We hope you all had an enjoyable break. Please find below information about the term ahead.

Learning planned for this term

English – We will be reading *The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame*, *The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman* and *Bill New Frock by Anne Fine* focusing our writing on discussion texts, character change and a meeting.

Maths – We will continue to teach the 5 strands; arithmetic 1 and 2, geometry, data and measure and reasoning. We encourage children to learn their times tables facts daily as they need to be able to recall them at speed. In year 4, children now sit a timed times table test and it is never too early to begin practicing. We recommend using Rockstar times tables for this.

Science – Forces and Magnets / Animals Including Humans – animal diets, balanced diets and the skeleton.

Topic – UK Rivers, cities, counties, mountains and water cycle - these lessons include Geography, History, Art and D&T with a focus on Constable and making bridges.

RE – Rites of Passage / Places of worship

PSHE – Health and Wellbeing / Relationships

Computing – We are programmers / We are network engineers

PE & Games – Badminton, Netball and Street Dance

Music – Recorders

PE / Games:

Year 3 PE & Games will be every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day. Our school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt or polo shirt and black shorts / joggers. Children MUST have appropriate trainers / plimsolls for games. Their kit will need to be in a named bag – these are available to buy from the school office. Due to health and safety reasons please ensure children are not wearing earrings on a Wednesday.



Home learning:

Your child will be bringing home a jigsaw puzzle of Home learning, which is based on their learning in school. Details of how to complete this are including with it. In addition, each fortnight your child will be given spellings for home learning. Children will need to learn the spellings in preparation for the spelling test on alternate weeks.



Absence:

While we hope that your child is never absent from school, if they are then please ensure that you send a letter, telephone the school or speak to the class teacher. Please also make sure that all of your contact details are up to date so that we can contact you if your child is unwell.



Reading

Children read daily at Oak Green School. Good reading skills are vital in allowing children to make progress and we ask that you read with your child at home every day. Please record any reading your child does in their KS2 planner. Children need to remember to bring their reading book into school every day as well as their planner. We ask that these books are looked after and returned in the same condition as you received them. Any books which are lost will need to be replaced at a cost of £5 per book.

Drinks:

We suggest that your child brings in a bottle of water to school, in addition to the drink with their lunch. Only water is allowed to drink during lessons.



Golden Values:

Everyone is expected to follow our Golden Values. There are as follows:

Our Golden Values

We show respect by:

- **Being honest**
- **Being kind, helpful and gentle**
- **Looking after property**
- **Listening**
- **Doing our best**



Every Friday the children are rewarded with Golden Time. Children who choose not to follow these values may lose part of their Golden Time.

Dates for your Diary

- ✓ 10th January – Club letters go out
- ✓ 17th January – Club offer letters go out / Mufti day for Year 3
- ✓ 20th January – Clubs start
- ✓ 22nd, 23rd, 24th January – 3C parent's afternoon
- ✓ 14th February – Break up for half term
- ✓ 24th February – School reopens for children
- ✓ 3rd March – Parent's Evening
- ✓ 5th March – Parent's Evening / World Book day
- ✓ 20th March - Year 3 trip to the Henley River and Rowing Museum
- ✓ 2th March – After school clubs end
- ✓ 31st March – Art specialist day
- ✓ 3rd April – Last day of term for children. School ends for Easter break
- ✓ 20th April – School reopens for children



Should you have any questions, please feel free to come and talk to us on the playground. If there are concerns you would like to discuss in private, you can speak to the office who will arrange an appointment for you.

With kind regards,

Miss Chohan, Mrs Simpson and Miss White.

Year 3 teachers