

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring Term 2017



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Dear Parents / Carers:

We hope you and the children had an enjoyable half term; the children have certainly enjoyed regaling us with all they got up to.

Home Learning and Reading Records:

Our focus will be on the key skills of reading and arithmetic.

Reading: reading records will be checked daily. Your child will be expected to read for at least 20 minutes per day and write a short summary of what they have read. Please sign their reading record regularly. Over the weekend, your child should complete the comprehension exercise which must be returned on Monday morning. We will hand out the answers to this comprehension activity on Monday afternoon and hope you are able to take the time to go through the answers with your child.

Maths: Each week, your child should complete the arithmetic questions and journal entry in their purple home learning books, as well as the MyMaths home learning online. The tasks are focused on the children's learning in class that week. The purple books should be returned to school on Monday morning in preparation for the week ahead.

Wider Curriculum: Children are expected to create a project through the course of the half term based on our topic: *Where does our food come from?* This can be in the form of a fact book, an art/DT outcome, presentation, etc. These will be exhibited in class during the week of 27/03/2017.

We really appreciate all your support.

The Year 3 Team

Ghana:

Miss Anita Khagram

Namibia:

Mr David Sweetenham

Zimbabwe:

Miss Sobia Asghar

South Africa:

Mr Muhammad Al-Mamun

HLTA:

Mr Ogunjuyigbe

Year Group Leader:

Miss Anita Khagram

If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's class teacher.

Dates for this term's educational visits:



Year 3 will be taking part in a reading workshop with a famous author and on another day will be visiting Kew Gardens as a part of our science unit.

Dates and prices to follow.

PE Day

Ghana: Monday and Thursday

Namibia: Tuesday and Friday

South Africa: Monday and Wednesday

Zimbabwe: Monday and Friday

Please ensure your child has their PE kit, including a change of shoes.

Your child should bring their PE kit to school on Monday and take it home to wash on Friday.

Please note: A PE kit is essential for all sports related activities and should be in school at all times.

Curriculum

This term's topics:

- English: we will begin the term by reading, The Princess and The White Bear King. The children will understand the features of traditional tales and will write their own versions.
- Maths: the children will learn how to read the time and use money. They will apply these skills to solving complex problems.
- Wider Curriculum: Where does our food come from? The children will be exploring where different foods come from and will understand the concept of fair trade.
- Science: plants and their features will be investigated. The children will understand what plants need to grow and also learn about how water is transported via the stem.
- Religious Education: How and why do Hindus celebrate Holi?