

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2 Term 2020



Dear Parents / Carers:

Thank you for a great start to this half term. The Year 3 teachers have been impressed with the children's enthusiastic return to school. They have returned with a great amount of focus and are eager to continue working towards their own personal success.

Home Learning and Reading Records:

The home learning structure has been set and will be sent home outlining how you can support your child. Our focus will be on the key skills of reading, multiplication tables and reasoning. We hope the structure is supportive and clear but if you need any further clarification please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Currently, the only books that will be sent home are the maths journaling book and reading record. If you feel your child needs an additional home learning task, please ask your child's class teacher for supplementary sheets.

Reading records will be checked regularly and your child will be expected to read for at least 20/30 minutes per day and to write a short summary of what they have read. Please sign their reading record each week.

Lastly, children should also be practising their times tables at least 3 times a week via Times Tables Rock Stars. **Children who manage to answer all the times table questions in under 5 minutes will become part of the BPS Times Table Club.**

Best wishes,

The Year 3 Team

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Ghana:

Miss Natasha Lewin

Namibia:

Mrs Rose Nketia

Zimbabwe:

Mrs Farhana Yasmin

South Africa:

Mrs Shahara Begum

HLTA:

Mr Ogunjuyigbe

Year Group Leader:

Miss Natasha Lewin

Assistant Headteacher:

Mr Alex Wedgbury

Deputy Headteacher:

Ms Tracey Baillie

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

Healthy Eating Banquet

This term, the children will be focusing on the topic *Where in the world does our food come from?*

The Year 3 children will be organising a banquet for the year group. They will be planning the menu, researching where in the world their ingredients come from and preparing a three course meal.

The Year 3 teachers will confirm the date of the banquet shortly and would appreciate the help of parent volunteers to assist with the preparing and cooking on the day.



PE Days

Ghana: Monday and Thursday

Namibia: Monday and Thursday

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 are all excited about the upcoming author visits. In preparation for this the children will be reading *The Hunter* by Paul Geraghty. The children will be rewriting the story from the perspective of the elephant and also writing letters protesting against hunting.
- Maths: We will focus on money. The children will be learning to add pounds and pence (with renaming), to calculate change and to solve word problems.
- Wider Curriculum: This half term our focus is understanding that the food we eat comes from all around the world. The children will be learning about how their food was produced.
- Science: We will be exploring forces and magnets. We will be comparing how things move on different surfaces. They will also observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others
- Religious Education: How and why do Hindus celebrate Holi? The children will be investigating the stories surrounding the Hindu festival of Holi.