

Class 3 newsletter

Spring term 2023



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I hope you have had a lovely winter break and are ready to tackle our next busy term in our class. This term will be action packed, with lots to do and learn.

Topic

This term our topic is "Now and then" The focus will be on Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

In science we will be learning about forces and magnets.

During the spring term our Maths work will move on to more detailed multiplication and division, using money and capacity. A key feature of the Year 3 curriculum is multiplication facts. Please work on these at home as much as possible. This includes multiplication and division facts. The children should already be able to recall facts for their 2, 5 and 10 timetables, such as 45 divided by 5 and 2 times 8. We have been working on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables too. Any help at home would be much appreciated!

In Literacy, we will be looking at fiction writing and instruction writing.

Swimming

This term, Year 3 will continue to go swimming. We are lucky to have Selby leisure on our doorstep. The children will travel by coach every **Wednesday** after lunch. They will receive a swimming lesson by the leisure centre instructors with our staff on hand to help. It is really helpful if your child can go swimming as much as possible, either in lessons or with yourselves also, as this really helps them move forward quickly. Children need to have their swimming things every Wednesday. It is advisable for them to also have swimming goggles and long hair tied back.

The national curriculum objectives for swimming are:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

P.E.

The children will also have a weekly PE session with our PE coach, Chris. Our session will be on a **Monday** afternoon (the other hour of P.E. is our swimming session).

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school each week for this

- Navy or black shorts
- A PE t-shirt or polo shirt
- Trainers
- Jogging bottoms
- Sweatshirt.

Children must also have long hair tied back and not wear any jewellery.

Keep an eye out on the [sports page](#) for any new family competitions you can take part in and to keep up to date with the variety of sports clubs we have on offer and competitions we take part in.

Reading

The expectations are really high in Key Stage 2 so please try to read with your child every night. It really makes a difference, not just to your child's learning but also in developing a love of books. This doesn't have to be a formal sit down and read but it can be a chilled time just before bed or even reading the programme or menu if you go out for the evening. It is amazing when children want to read and have a love for books! The virtual library on the [class page](#) of the school website is a great place to start looking. You do not have to stick to these but there are a range of suggestions.

We also have [Reading Plus](#), an online reading programme, that your child is able to read from as part of our weekly reading challenge. This will also ask them questions about the text they are reading, which is a great way to build their comprehension skills. Your child has their own login details and has been using this for a few weeks in school already.

Homework

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The children will receive a termly topic homework grid, which is optional and focusses on their interests in the term's topic.

Don't forget we have a wealth of activities on the school website for every subject we cover in school as well as [TTrockstars](#) (for times tables) [Mathletics](#) (for Year 3 maths objectives) and [J2e](#) for creating computing pieces of work and coding).

All the log ins are in the front of your child's reading planner.

Remember they are all optional but they are all a great help to push your child's learning forwards.

We are really looking forward to this term; I hope you are too. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see any of the Year 3 team.

Thank you for your support

Mr Sylvester
Year 3

This letter is also on the Year 3 class page of the school website for you to click on the hyperlinks in the text.