

# Useful Information

## PE

Our PE days are-

### **3W:**

Tuesday — Indoor

Thursday— Outdoor

### **3C:**

Tuesday – Indoor

Thursday —Outdoor

Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing. The school policy is navy or black shorts and a plain white or blue T-shirt with trainers or plimsolls for outdoor PE. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold weather. Children should bring their PE kit in a drawstring bag on the first day of term and leave it in school until half term. Jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of small studs, which should be removed by the child for all PE lessons.

## Birthdays

In line with the school's healthy eating policy, please do not send in party bags, sweets etc. when it is your child's birthday. You can however send in a cake for classmates, ready cut, wrapped in a napkin or bag.

## Homework

In line with the school's homework policy, children can expect to receive Spellings each week. In addition to this, children may choose to complete Mathematics and Reading Eggs online. Children should remember that homework books are school books and should be kept neat at all times! Please read with your child at home as often as possible and record this in their reading record. Lost reading record books will cost £1 to replace.

## Book Bags

Children should bring their book bags to school each day with their reading book and reading record book. Book bags can be purchased from the office.

Children may also bring a bottle of water, but please do not send it to school in the book bag. There is no need to bring a pencil case as we are able to provide all the equipment your child will need.

## Uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform, which can be purchased from the school office. Please ensure that all uniform and P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. In general, children should not wear jewellery to school but small ear studs are permitted.

If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

# Year Three Newsletter

Spring 2017



**Class teachers:  
Miss Wilkinson and Miss Cameron**

# Children will be learning about:

## **English:**

This term pupils will continue to develop their handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar skills each day as well as expanding their use of vocabulary, conjunctions, openers and punctuation (VCOP). We will be learning about how to write for different purposes and audiences, including letters, retelling of events and stories, newspaper reports persuasive writing. Speaking and listening will be explored through story telling and debates. Our Literacy topics this term are mostly inspired by our humanities topic Climate, and we will be starting with the Kevin Crossley Holland book 'Storm.' They will engage in various drama activities to further enhance their learning and are encouraged to complete any spellings homework set.



## **Reading:**

Pupils should all now have their reading record and should be encouraged to read at home every day to support their learning. Reading will be taught at school daily and pupils will get regular opportunities to read together in small groups and individually. Each child has been allocated a day to bring their reading record into school so they can be checked. Pupils are also encouraged to use Reading Eggs regularly.

## **Mathematics:**

This term pupils will consolidate their strategies for solving problems using the four operations. We will be improving our knowledge of the 3, 4 and 6 times tables as well as learning the related division facts. Other objectives this term are: using money; understanding and correctly using different measurements, (length, height and mass), understanding geometry with 2D shapes; reading and using statistics to solve problems and developing explanations for how an answer is achieved. Pupils are encouraged to complete Mathematics activities regularly, as well as complete any 'Mathletics' homework.



## **Science:**

Light: In this topic pupils will be learning about the importance of light. We will be learning how to recognise that light is needed in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light, light is reflected from surfaces as well as understanding that light from the sun can be dangerous and we should protect our eyes. We will also start to understand shadows, in particular recognising that shadows are formed when light is blocked and patterns of shadows can change. We will be learning about how to make predictions and how to plan, record and evaluate experiments.

Plants: During this topic pupils will learn about the functions of different parts of a plant and will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth. Pupils will also investigate ways in which water is transported within plants as well as exploring the role of flowers in the cycle of flowering plants. Children will also continue to develop their scientific enquiry through practical investigations.

## **Humanities:**

Climate: In this topic children will learn about the differences in weather in order to answer the question "How does climate affect our daily lives?" They will learn different terms relating to weather and climate, as well being able to identify cities in the UK and the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Hemisphere, Tropics and Meridan. Also, the differences and patterns in the weather experienced in different parts of the world and how the weather is an important factor when people decide to go on holiday will be explored. They will understand man's impact on the environment, the relation between transport and CO2 emission before suggesting ways in which Individual choices can impact the environment.

Useful websites:

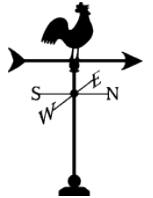
<https://www.climate.gov/>

<http://www.worldweathercompare.co.uk/>

[http://greenliving.lovetoknow.com/How\\_Do\\_Humans\\_Affect\\_the\\_Environment](http://greenliving.lovetoknow.com/How_Do_Humans_Affect_the_Environment)

## **Computing:**

This term in computing children will be shown how to save work from iPads to the Sherington Drive using Dropbox. Pupils will create Climate posters using Comic life and Weather Reports using Green Screen and Windows Movie Maker. Pupils will further develop their programming skills using the Kodable App and Scratch; and will create a puppet animations linked to their science topic.



## **Art and DT:**

In Art, we will be focusing on the artist Paul Klee. Pupils will begin to understand the concept of cubism, expressionism and surrealism through his work and begin to create their own version of a Paul Klee art piece.

Linked to their learning in Climate, pupils will be creating their own weather station in DT. They will attempt to create a rain gauge, wind sock and a wind vane using new and previously known skills.



## **RE:**

Sikhism: Pupils will be learning about the Sikh teaching and life, and how Sikhs live and worship both at home and at the Gurdwara.

Judaism: Pupils will be looking at different festivals in the Jewish year, in particular Succot, Passover and Purim.

## **PE:**

Indoor PE: Symmetry and asymmetry. Children will learn to understand and identify symmetry and asymmetry whilst moving and balancing both on and off apparatus.

Outdoor PE: Creative games making. Children will learn to make up and play small sided games by selecting and using appropriate skills. They will also continue to be taught tennis by a specialist tennis coach.

## **Music:**

Following Autumn Term where pupils were given an opportunity to explore different instruments, they have now chosen their preferred instrument to continue practising this term. They will also be taught music weekly by Mrs McDonald.