

Year 3 Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and happy Christmas break. I would like to say a big thank you for your generous gifts and lovely cards at the end of term.

Curriculum

In Maths this term, we will be continuing to focus on multiplication and division before moving on to length and perimeter and then fractions. In English, we will be exploring the story 'Stone Age Boy' which will lead us into writing our own adventure stories and then move on to some non-fiction work. Our History topic will take us from the Stone Age through to the Bronze and Iron Age and on to the Romans. Our Science topic is 'Forces and Magnets' where we will explore how things move on different surfaces and how magnets attract and repel different objects. We will be continuing our recorder skills as a class as well as looking into different genres of music like Reggae.

In French, we will be learning about instruments, fruits and vegetables. Mrs Field will be teaching RE this half term about rites of passage in Sikhism and we will try coding using Purple Mash in computing. Full curriculum overviews can be found on our school website.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will continue to be set on a **Monday** and uploaded to the Year 3 team using Microsoft Teams and it will be due the following **Monday**. The first home learning tasks will be set on **Monday 15th January**. Your child's weekly home learning tasks include:

- **Maths skills** - It is important that the children complete these and return them on Teams every **Monday** as they will be checked by an adult.
- **Spellings** to practise (spelling tests will be on **Monday**)
- A **spelling worksheet** linked to the week's spelling rule/pattern to reinforce understanding

We will be following our school spelling scheme which covers various spelling rules and patterns and also the statutory words that children need to learn by the end of Year 4. If your child finds the spellings difficult to learn, you may choose to focus just on the first 5 or 6. If your child finds a particular week easy, there will be some suggested spelling activities on the Year 3 Teams page which will help to extend your child's knowledge of the rule/pattern. There are two spelling worksheets that accompany the week's spellings – a Focus one and an Extension one which is more challenging. You and your child can choose which one is most appropriate for them to do (or you may even do both).

An additional task to do at home is practising times tables regularly. All children have a Times Table Rock Stars log in and they have times tables set for them to practise. Children are expected to have mastered their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 10-times tables by the end of Year 3 and all of their tables by the end of Year 4.

As always, feel free to send in photographs of the children's learning at home to admin@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk or via our Year 3 Teams page as it is lovely to share these.

Reading

Reading with and to your child is extremely important; please try and do this at least **3 times a week**. Our reading VIPERS questions will be saved on Teams for comprehension question stems. Sign and initial your child's reading record each time you read at home with your child and please encourage your child to read other appropriate texts at home too. The children will have regular opportunities within the classroom to listen to different texts, read as an individual and as a whole class to continue to develop their comprehension and inference skills.

Library

Our Library slot is on Mondays, please ensure children have their library books in school on that day.

PE

Our PE lessons remain on Monday with Miss Gorrod and Thursdays with EPC. Children should wear their school PE kit to school on these days. Earrings must be removed for the day or the lesson and long hair must be tied back.

Stone Age Day and Roman trip to Ufton Court

We have an exciting 'Stone Age Day' coming up in school on Tuesday 30th January and a day trip to Ufton Court on Tuesday 26th March to end our History topic – details coming soon!

Please do not hesitate to speak to me on the playground before or after school or email the office at admin@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Miss Gorrod