Year 3 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and happy Christmas break. Mrs Branchflower, Mrs Herkes, Mrs Middlemist and I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you for your generous gifts and lovely cards at the end of term. It was a brilliant first term to Key Stage 2 and the children worked so hard on all of our new topics.

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 of explanation texts and letter writing. Our History topic will take us from the Stone Age through to the Bronze and Iron Age and on to the Romans which is one of my favourite topics of the year! 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. Mrs Herkes will be continuing to teach Science next term. 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. For RE this half term, we will be learning 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 13th 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

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. Please record any text that your child reads including library books or books from home as it is lovely to see their interests and genre choices. 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 **Tuesdays**. 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 for 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 Monday 27th January and a day trip to Ufton Court on Tuesday 18th March to end our History topic.

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