

Spring One Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year from the Year 3 team! The New Year brings new opportunities and new challenges for us all. We have many exciting topics that will be covered this term, so we continue to value your support as we aim to deliver a curriculum that is engaging and challenging for your children. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the office or speak to them at the end of the day.

Overleaf, you will see what your child will be learning during the term. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Seal- Mrs M Parkes	Mrs Javed, Mrs Abdullah, Mrs Khalifa and Miss Hira.
Penguin- Miss Ahmed	
Polar Bear- Mrs Bloor	
Wolf- Miss Aktar/ Mrs Foster	

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress
- PE lessons for **Penguin class and Wolf class** only will be every **Tuesday afternoon**. Please ensure children have their full PE kit each week, this includes: a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls for indoor, and a plain tracksuit and trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions. Earrings and watches, as always, must be removed for P.E. lessons on grounds of Health and Safety. Long hair, for the same reason, must be tied back.
- Swimming for **Polar Bear class and Seal class** only will be every **Tuesday afternoon**, a voluntary contribution of £2.50 will be collected each week. Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back.
- Library sessions are every **Wednesday morning** so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on this day.

Home Learning:

Children will be given a list of activities from which they need to choose one each week. The tasks can be completed in any order and returned to school on **Wednesday** and books will be handed back on **Friday**. Teachers expect all children to complete the tasks to the best of their ability and maintain high standards of presentation at all times.

In addition, we expect that children will continue to do the following:

- **Read every day** at home as it is very important for your child to succeed at school. Please check that your child has read by signing their reading record.
- **Learn the times tables: 3x, 4x, 6x**

Thank you for your on-going support.

Miss S Akhtar
Assistant Headteacher

English Comments:

This term we begin an exciting way to learn in English known as 'Talk For Writing'. The children will explore a text as a reader and then read the same text as a writer. They will identify and create a toolkit that summarises the 'tools' that are used to make an effective piece of narrative writing. The model text that will be used is called The Cobbler of Krakow and Smok the Dragon of Wawel.

Computing Comments:

This term the children will be Presenters. They will learn how to present their work in different ways using Microsoft Office, in particular Word and Publisher programs. They will learn skills of copying, editing and illustrating for their work.

Geography & History Comments:

In Geography the children will study Wales. They will research facts about the country and identify the physical features; including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers. They will study how land was used in the past in Wales and how it has changed over time.

Art & DT Comments:

This term the focus will be on famous artists such as Jackson Pollock. The children will be introduced to his painting styles of 'drip and splash' and 'all over method'. They will explore tints, shades and tones of colour using them to create depth in their artwork.

Maths Comments:

This term the children will need to learn and secure their knowledge of their times tables; especially the 3, 4 and 8. They will study fractions. They will recognise different fractions, find fractions of shapes, add and subtract fractions. They will move onto decimals focusing on tenths. They will cover Money, the values of different amounts and then calculate change. Throughout the term the children will apply their learning in problems.

The Cobbler of Krakaw and Smok the Dragon of Wawel

How to help your child at home:

Read with your child every day, ask them questions about the story, then sign his or her **Reading Record**.
Help your child to learn and practise all of their times tables to develop their rapid recall skills.
See your child's teacher if you need further help.

PSHE/Circle Time Comments:

The children will have the opportunity to explore their feelings associated with our school values. The aim is to develop a greater sense of co-operation and build community in their class and the wider school through circle time and PSHE games. Please take the time to discuss the values and what they mean with your child.

Science Comments:

The children will study Plants this term. They will revise the parts of a flowering plant and then take their learning further as they study the function of each part. They will explore the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. They will also investigate the needs of plants for growth.

RE Comments:

This term the children will think about the question: 'How should we live and who can inspire us?' They will reflect on the qualities for making a good leader and the qualities that God looked for in the person of Moses. They will study other inspirational religious leaders such as Guru Nanak, Gandhi.

PE Comments:

The year group will continue to be divided with half the children going swimming (Seal, Polar Bear) while the rest will have Outdoor Adventurous Activity (OAA) and Gymnastics (Penguin, Wolf). These skills will improve their teamwork, strategic thinking to solve problems, balance, movement and coordination.

Music Comments:

The children will continue to learn a variety of musical instruments, with an experienced musician from the Luton Music Service. They will continue to learn how to read notation, then follow it to play a range of pieces.