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How can you help your child?

In Year 3, the children will bring home library books to read with you. These are to enjoy together to help them develop their love of reading. It would be helpful if you could share the book and talk about it with your child as often as possible. Please remember to send their books to school every day.

When homework is sent home, please support them but encourage them to complete the work independently and bring it back to school on time.

Children will also need to continue to learn their times tables.

Please remember that your child's happiness and safety are important to us, so don't hesitate to talk to us if you feel there is anything we need to know in order to help your child.

Members of staff

- ❖ Mrs Mills (Class teacher)
- ❖ Mrs Puchal (Class teacher)
- ❖ Miss Bell and Miss Lisseman

Year 3 Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a lovely summer break.

Year 3 is an important year in your child's development and progress towards next year. As your child begins their journey into Key Stage 2, we would like to ask for your help in encouraging the children to be more independent and take more responsibility for organising themselves.

Children will be expected to be responsible for bringing their reading books every day and having a PE kit in school ready for lessons.

This leaflet offers information about what your child will be learning this term.

English

In English, we are learning about story writing, information texts and poetry. We will also be looking at using paragraphs to group information, using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech and conjunctions to develop longer sentences.

The above skills will be taught through the context of a class novel. This term we are reading 'Wild Rescue' by J Burchett and 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. When reading at home, please ask the children to talk about their reading book and explain where and how they got the answer.

When children write at home, it would be a good idea to encourage them to use the correct punctuation and conjunctions such as: then, but, if, since, while, because and so.

Science

This term in science, we will be exploring forces and magnets and investigating the effects of push, pull and gravity.

After half term, we will be investigating light and dark and how shadows are formed.

We will look at how Earth orbits around the Sun and how this creates night and day.

Our Topic

This term our themes will be Africa and The Stone Age. The children will be exploring human and physical features of Africa and comparing it to another country. As part of art and DT, we will be learning how to use shading to show light and shadow in drawings, design and make an African drum and exploring tones of colour. In ICT, we will be learning how to keep safe when using the internet. We also welcome Junior Jam who will be teaching the children Spanish, music and Computing.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to develop our maths skills through Maths Makes Sense. This is an interactive approach which involves children using more practical resources to move onto more abstract concepts.

This term the children will explore a range of calculations, shape and measures and problem solving activities.

Useful Websites:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools

www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework.html

www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk/Curriculum/Curriculum.htm

www.mathszone.co.uk/

Don't Forget...

This autumn term the children will be starting swimming lessons every Thursday morning. Please ensure that the children have their correct swimming kit.

Thank you for your cooperation this year. Please continue to ensure that your child brings their PE kit each Monday. The children are looking very smart in their new PE uniform and now just need to make sure they have pumps or trainers for PE.

Remember there are exciting facilities such as Wolverhampton Library and local museums where children can continue their learning and find out even more.