

Leaping into Spring with Year 3!

Welcome back! We hope you had a joyful and restful holiday with your children. The year group have settled back into school routines absolutely brilliantly and children have been fully immersed in new learning. We are keen to work hard with the children this half term, reviewing learning from the Autumn in Maths and Literacy and building on to ensure excellent progress. In our curriculum topics, we are looking forward to superb range of activities which will be driven by the life and work of our significant figure - Mary Anning and travelling further back in time in our History learning to the Stone Age. As always, do come and see us at any point to discuss your child's learning.

We welcome Mrs. Crow to 3AY this half-term on Tuesdays and know that she will be a fantastic asset to the Year 3 team. We send Mrs. Young lots of well wishes as she prepares for her new adventure and enjoys her last half-term with 3AY. Miss Davies and the Year 3 team 😊

Our learning highlights:

Trips

Another fantastic trip to look forward to is Butser Ancient Farm on Thursday 24th January. This trip promises to really set the scene for our learning about the Stone Age through to the Bronze Age! Wrap up warm!



Maths

By this point in the year, your child should be becoming reasonably secure on their 2/5/10 and 3x tables.

If your child is confident with recalling the multiplication and division facts for the above numbers, the next step is for them to learn their 4/6/8 times tables.

Literacy

Our reading of the story 'Stone Girl, Bone Girl' will have set the scene for our Literacy work this half term. Children will be learning lots of different skills to be able to write story openings linked to the text. We will be exploring a range of punctuation this term, with more work on the comma and inverted commas ("...")

Telling the time

It's clear from the number of digital watches being worn that our children are reasonably confident with telling the time *digitally*. In our Maths work we will be working on the analogue clock as well as digital time so please take any opportunity you can to practise.

- Vocabulary:

O'clock quarter past half past quarter to
AM/PM noon/midnight morning/afternoon

- Recognising the different hands on a clock face and what they mean
- Understanding and recalling how many seconds in a minute, minutes in an hour and hours in a day and linking these to children's knowledge of telling the time (e.g. 1/4 of an hour = 15 minutes, 1/2 an hour = 30 minutes.)



Back into routine...

The children of Year 3 have become extremely well organised for their learning at SJS and we just ask that you continue to support them in ensuring they are prepared with some of the following aspects of our timetable:

PE: Our PE days are currently Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor). Children will need suitable kit for both days kept in school the whole week. This should include warm clothing for outdoor PE days and appropriate clothing for use of the gym equipment on indoor PE days. Earring tape should be provided if earrings cannot be removed and all jewellery and watches need to be removed for any physical activity. If children are not suitable prepared for lessons, they will not be able participate. We also ask that you send in written notes to inform of us of any issues related to PE participation.

Spellings: On a Monday, home learning spelling books should come into school. This will show us that children are practising their spelling words in their neatest handwriting. We will give them the new set of words to take home for that week on a Monday and a Thursday. These should be the same words and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children practice them throughout the week.

Home learning: Issued on a Thursday and due in on a Tuesday. Although children should be able to complete the majority of tasks with some independence, we would appreciate you sometimes guiding them on the quality and care they are putting into completing all tasks. Home Learning club runs at 12pm in the ICT suite with Mrs. Bowler and Miss Hedges. Should you wish for your child to attend, simply ensure they have their home learning book in school on Friday.

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 24th January – Year 3 to Butser

Friday 8th February – School discos (look out for information)

Friday 15th February – INSET (school closed)

HALF TERM WEEK

Thursday 14th March – Marble maze making day
(Parent volunteers needed)

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March – Parents' evening
(progress review)

Friday 5th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS



Online resources

*Don't forget to dip into *Matheletics* and other Maths based online activities as outlined in the Home Learning book.*

- *Some great Maths websites are:*
- *'snappy Maths'*
- *'Daily 10' on the Topmarks website*
- *Hit the button*
- *"Cool Maths games"*
- *Woodlands Junior school Maths*
- *Maths playground*

Children can also access 'Bug Club' at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk where digital books are accessible for them to read and complete fun tasks linked to the book.

Their user is the first four letters of their first and last names, password is their class and school code is 3ag6.

For example, Joe Bloggs in 3AY would enter:

joeblog

3AY

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