



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2019

Welcome!

Welcome back, we hope that you and your children had a lovely winter break.

Timings of the school day

- Children are welcome into the classroom from 8.45am and they walk quietly to class on their own.
- The register will be taken at 8:55am.
- School will finish at 3.20pm.
- If you would like your child to walk home **alone**, we need a **letter in writing** to confirm that they have your permission to do so please.
- If you would like to speak to me, please make an appointment at the office.

We will need....

Every day children will need:

- Book bag
- Reading diary if desired.
- PE kit with trainers or plimsolls

Dates for your diary:

- Clubs start week 2
- Swimming weekly on Tuesday
- Mon 18th Feb – Friday 22nd Feb – Half Term
- 25th February – INSET Day
- March 19th, March 20th - Parents evenings
- April 5th at 2.15pm – break up for Easter

Learning Challenge

Literacy

Reading: Some of the books we will be reading are: The Mousehole Cat, Myths and legends from various sources, along with various information texts based on our IPC topics.

Writing: Using paragraphs, Non-Chronological reports- The human body, Story writing, Spelling, Punctuation- apostrophes, exclamations marks, questions marks, speech marks and commas.

Maths Mastery

UNIT 6: Multiplication and Division, UNIT 7: Deriving Multiplication and Division Facts, UNIT 8: Time, UNIT 9: Fractions

IPC: How the human body works- a science based unit and **Different Places, Similar Lives-** a geography based unit.

We will also be working towards completing our **CREST Star Award** which is a science scheme that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers. Students will earn a series of 8 stamps throughout the term as we complete various experiments and activities.

MUSIC: Ukulele Lessons on Thursday afternoons

P.E.

PE kits need to be at school **every day**. Even though we have allocated PE days (Year 3: Thursday afternoon) sometimes PE days will change, due to unforeseen circumstances. We will also have swimming every Tuesday. **Jewellery is not permitted** and any children wearing it will be asked to take it off. Any earrings must be **stud earrings**, any other designs will be covered up with plasters.

Celebrations

Every week we hold a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

Attendance and Punctuality

Daily attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally:

- School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks.
- School helps children to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community.
- School helps them to make the most of life opportunities.

If your student is unable to attend please contact the office.

Other Information

We will be doing PE once a week. This is usually on a Thursday. Please make sure children have their PE kits with them each day as PE days can change. Please make sure your child has an Oasis Academy Byron PE kit and a pair of plimsolls or black trainers in their PE bag.

We will also be attending swimming lessons at Purley Pool on Tuesday mornings, please let us know if you are able to be a parent helper on any of these days as we will not be able to go unless we have at least 3 parent helpers on the day. Please sign up at the office for the days you are available to attend. Students need to bring their own piece of fresh fruit to have upon our return to school as the kitchen will not be open.

Home Learning

Home learning will be sent out on Thursday and needs to be back in on the following Wednesday. A home learning matrix will be set for each half term and will include various IPC based activities, literacy and maths tasks. Home learning will be monitored but not marked in depth as these are tasks that are beneficial to your child's learning at school but are home based learning. Students will receive an award at the end of each half term if they have completed their 20 stars.

What about reading?

Children will choose their own books from an appropriate range for their abilities at school or from home. They will change their books independently when they have finished a book at home. It would be good for the children to begin to complete their reading diary by themselves. They are still encouraged to read to an adult, and may also read independently for enjoyment at home.

