

PLEASE NOTE

To encourage your children to become more independent and reduce congestion in the year 3 cloakroom we would ask that parents refrain from bringing their children into the school building at the start of the day. If you have a non-urgent matter that you need to discuss with your child's teacher please see them at the end of the school day.

Year 3 Trip

After half term Year 3 will be organising a number of different excursions. One of these will be to Colchester Zoo on the 12th June. We will send further details of this nearer to the time



Staff in Year 3 this term are

Mr Sparks—Class 9
Miss Dibley—Class 10

Teaching Assistants:

Di Norman
Gail Ealham
Rufina Jackson

Communication

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or question, please talk to the class teacher who will be around at the end of each day



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During the week beginning Monday 19th May we will be assessing the children in reading, writing and maths. Please try to avoid booking appointments during this time. Your child's progress will be contained within the annual report that will be sent out to you at the end of June

Year 3 Newsletter



Summer Term 2008

WELCOME!

Welcome back after your Easter break

Reading

With the children entering their final term in Year 3 it is even more important that they make the most of the reading opportunities that surround them. Please continue to encourage your children to bring their reading journals home and complete the activities as part of their homework. The children currently have two reading books— one is chosen by the teacher and forms part of their daily guided reading session. The other is chosen by the children from either the school library, classroom library or home. Each time a child finishes their individual reading book, they are encouraged to complete a book review in school. This provides us with a record of how many books each child is reading on their own as well as helping us to find material that they will enjoy to read!

Lots of the children enjoy reading at home so to encourage them please ensure your child brings home their individual reading

book each night.

Writing:

This term we will be focusing on:

- * Producing adverts and persuasive texts.
- * Writing our own play scripts and performances.
- * Setting up class libraries.

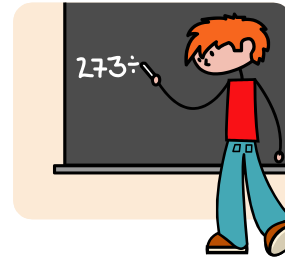
We will be continuing to reinforce the basics of spelling, handwriting and punctuation.

Maths:

Helping your child to learn and reinforce basic numeracy skills is always welcomed. This could be things such as:

- * Learning all times tables up to 10x10
- * Reinforcing their understanding of time, particularly reading analogue clocks.

If you feel that your child is having difficulty understanding specific calculation methods (for example the column method for addition) please encourage them to come and let us know. It is only with your assistance that we can reach the sky!



Literacy and Numeracy Homework :

Literacy— Tuesday for Friday.

Numeracy—Wednesday for the following Monday.

Most children have worked well with their homework, but please encourage your child to complete the homework and hand it in on time. At the end of every half-term, we give out awards for punctuality and effort made in homework.

Reading journal: Once a week due in the day before your child's guided reading day. Any child who is absent is not expected to complete a homework set on the days which they were absent. In special cases where parents have spoken to the teacher an extension of a day will be given to children. Children not completing homework will be given one day extra to complete work and marked down as late with the homework. We also have a timetable to stick to and late work

may mean a delay in marking of that piece of work.

If you find it hard to complete work with your child we recommend homework club on a Wednesday lunch time, which is run by Di.

P.E & Swimming

P.E. is on a Monday for Class 9 and on a Friday for Class 10. A P.E kit is still required for these lessons. During the Summer term all Year 3 children will be participating in weekly swimming lessons on Wednesday mornings. This is part of their weekly P.E sessions and so if, for whatever reason, your child is not able to join in, we will require a written explanation from home.

Swimming Kit should consist of:
Pair of swimming trunks or
1-piece swimming costume
Towel
Hat (if needed)

All of this should be labelled and placed inside a bag with your child's name clearly indicated.

We would ask for your support in ensuring your child has the appropriate clothing for P.E.