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Primary 3 Newsletter

Term 1 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and that you and your child are looking forward to the busy term ahead. We thought you might appreciate some information on what is happening in P3 this session.

PE Days



Just a reminder of our PE Days:

P3A - **Wednesday** and **Thursday**

P3B - **Wednesday** and **Thursday**

It would be very helpful if children could bring their kit with them and remove all jewellery before school on those days.

Learning

Please find below a little bit about what we will be learning in Primary 3 this term.



Learning Across the Curriculum

This term we will be exploring a selection of picture books. This will lend itself to a variety of activities across the curriculum in response to the books and the children's interests.

Literacy

Primary 3 will be consolidating alphabetical order this term. We will also revisit and introduce aspects of grammar such as verbs, nouns and adjectives. The children will be working within the Jolly Grammar programme for spelling, in addition to practising correct spelling for common words.

In writing, the children will be focusing on personal writing. The children will be developing peer and self-assessment skills throughout the writing process.

Maths

Primary 3 will be consolidating mental addition and subtraction skills within 20 and then to 100. The children will be learning about more complex 2D and 3D shapes. There will also be a focus on skip counting by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, in order to develop the skills necessary for multiplication later in Primary 3.

Homework

This term our homework pattern will be as follows below:

Spelling: Issued on a Monday and to be completed and returned by Friday each week.

Maths: A homework grid will be issued with suggestions of maths based activities that you can complete with your child.

Reading: For homework, your child will receive a book appropriate for their level. Books will be fully prepared in class before being sent home. They may also be issued with an easier read to develop their fluency in reading.

Please remember that homework should not become an additional family stress!

How you can help at home

You can help your child at home by reading a variety of texts such as story books, newspapers, comics and recipes. In addition to this, you could encourage your child to recognise text all around them and highlight how it is used in everyday life.

As there will be a focus on number patterns this term, the children will be encouraged to look for patterns in everyday life, i.e. house numbers.

Other News

Library Days: **Primary 3a - Wednesday** **Primary 3b - Wednesday**

The children are encouraged to borrow books from the school library to take home and enjoy. Please ensure children return borrowed library books on the above days, in order to allow a new one to go home.

We hope that you have found this newsletter useful. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.

We look forward to meeting you during our September "Meet the Teacher" evening.

Kind Regards,

Mrs McConnell and Mrs McDonald