

Year 3 Spring 1 Newsletter

English

We will begin by focusing on the book 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney and write our own diary entry and letter based on the story. We will focus on using informal language and the features of a letter and a diary entry. We will continue to use the Read Write Inc scheme to practice our spellings.

REMINDERS...

Please aim to read with your child every day after school and write in their reading record.

Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack to school (fruit or breadsticks).

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Science: We will begin with a topic about Animals Including Humans where we will look at the life cycle of animals and humans, muscles in the human body and compare the skeletons of humans and animals. We will look at how to keep our bodies healthy.

Other information:

Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school at all times. This includes:

- White t-shirt
- Black/blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or pumps

Maths

In Maths this half-term we will continue with our Multiplication and Division topic but moving onto larger numbers. We will focus on multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digits using formal methods before moving onto practicing our skills using Money and Statistics. We will look at the different values of money and create bar charts and tally charts in Statistics.

COMPUTING

We will continue to work with Junior Jam on Fridays on a topic called iOffice looking at different Microsoft Office software.

Geography: We will begin with a Geography topic about Mountains of the UK and Europe. We will be looking into the tallest/highest mountains in the UK and Europe and looking at the dangers of mountains and how they are formed.

Art: We will begin a topic based on the artist Paul Cezanne who did still life drawings. We will look at his work and then produce our own fruit bowl drawing.

PSHE: We will focus on a topic about families and how some people's families are different to others. We will look at things we celebrate as families and how to care for each other.

RE: We will focus on prayer in Christianity and Islam. We will look at how and why people pray and the significance of it.

Homework: Homework is given out on a FRIDAY and must be in the following WEDNESDAY. This will continue to be uploaded to Class Dojo each week. We are now teaching spelling 3 x a week in school so no spellings will be sent home.

PE: In this term we will focus on Gymnastics with the Beth Tweddle Gymnastics Company who will teach specialist gymnastics lessons and continue to practice our ball skills with Junior Jam in dodgeball.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to come in after school.
Thank you, Miss North.

Italian: The children will receive fortnightly Italian lessons from a specialist Italian teacher on **Mondays**.