

Year 3 Class Newsletter Summer



Summertime Newsletter (one term to go!)

Year 3 - it's the final term so this is where we expect your best work and highest standards, as you get ready for the transition into year 4. However, we have a lot to do before then, so let's share the details.

Contact / Class Dojo

You're all familiar with ClassDojo by now, but just to say that if you ever have any issues with the site or app, please get in touch with me. Additionally, there is a page on our school website with further help and guides should you need them. **General school enquiries and absences should always be reported to the school office on 01270 902055.**



Homework



Thank you for all your hard work and support with your child's learning so far in year 3. Many reading planners are bursting with celebratory comments, homework books that have been returned are full of lovely pieces of work, and Class Dojo portfolio is celebrated every Friday in class. It has been a delight to share the pupils' photos of their work - thank you!

Homework tasks will be in your child's school bag on a sheet of A4, but will also be accessible via the Year 3 class page on our school website, and sent as a link on ClassDojo story. **If your child's homework book or reading diary has been misplaced, please get in touch.**

Dojos will again be awarded for completed tasks and count towards our end of half-term Dojo Master.

Spellings

Year 3 continue to have their spelling tests on a Friday, with the first test happening on 29th April. Your child will be in either group 1 or 2, so if you aren't sure please ask. I have included their spellings in their reading diaries, but they will be on our year 3 page and as a file on ClassDojo story too. Both groups spellings are included, so you may practice both if you wish.

Growth Mindset / Mental Well-Being

Alongside our weekly focus on using our learning powers, we continue to investigate what makes a **Happy Mind** and having a **Growth Mindset** (see school website for more on these.)

Additionally, we try to link what we are learning now as much as we can to learning from previous lessons. We call this **activating prior knowledge**, and it will help to improve long-term memory recall of facts and key knowledge, ensuring future success in whatever they apply themselves to.

Learning Powers

All pupils in year 3 have won at least one of the learning powers so far this academic year, and some have won multiple times - but which have they not collected yet? Here's a quick breakdown:

- Respect:** Showing respect or kindness. (Laydbird)
- Reciprocity:** Great teamwork and sharing. (Ant)
- Reflective:** Better behaviour/learning. (Butterfly)
- Resilient:** Trying, not giving up. (Grasshopper)
- Resourceful:** Use of learning aids / friends. (Bee)
- Responsible:** Showing maturity. (Spider)
- Risk-Taking:** Being brave and honest. (Snail)

Times Table Rockstars / Numbots

We have had our first **Diamond** winner in year 3 this spring term just gone, and now we're wondering who will be the next pupil to finish the Numbots story?

Also, I'm very pleased to say that almost the entire class has won a certificate on TTRS, and that the children are improving their **Soundcheck** scores the more they practice. Please **do** encourage them to get better and better at x2, x5, x10, x3, x4 and x8 multiplication facts, as these are what is expected for pupils in year 3 across the UK. Some of your children are beyond this, so keep that enthusiasm for multiplication and division facts going. 😊

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English / Guided Reading

For the first few weeks of the summer term, Year 3 continue to have Guided Reading sessions with Mrs Dickens. She has also been boosting the pupils' knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar which they have really enjoyed. After this, we will continue selecting a range of texts linked to our Ancient Egyptian topic from which to improve our writing and reading skills, which are so intrinsically linked. One of these will be 'The Time-Travelling Cat and the Egyptian and the Egyptian Goddess'.

Maths

Starting with a real intense focus on fractions and developing our knowledge of how this links to decimals, such as tenths, year 3 will move on and begin to look at **time**, **properties of shape (including length and perimeter)**, **mass and capacity** and we'll go over work on **statistics** too.

Science

We'll finish our science work about light to begin with, before moving on to examining the world of plants! We had great fun in a recent STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) day, investigating the work of A.J. Wilson and convex mirrors. We looked at plane and concave mirrors too, and found that the A.J. Wilson used the idea of a convex mirror to develop the safety feature on cars and other vehicles known as wing-mirrors.

Geography / History / Art / DT

Our topic work in the summer centres around the fabulous topic of **Ancient Egypt!** We will look at the timeline of this period in history and compare it to our work in the autumn term. We'll of course look at the vast range of areas in this study, from the daily life to the architecture, beliefs and contributions of Ancient Egypt to modern day life. As Historians, Geographers, Artists and Designers this topic is a dream come true. Keep an eye on Dojo Story for photos.

Physical Education

We continue to have our PE sessions on Fridays and will start with learning the skills needed for **cricket!** We have been very fortunate to have improved our PE abilities with help from Mr Raiswell and Miss Jones during year 3. In addition, we begin **swimming lessons** on Wednesday afternoons at the local Nantwich Swimming Pool.

Singfest: A huge thank you to all who supported and / or attended the singing festival in Congleton Town Hall 😊😊

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RE / PSHCE

In addition to our PSHCE (Physical, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) using the excellent Votes For Schools resources, we'll begin incorporating a brand new discussion point called **Picture News**. Starting the first Friday of the summer term, your child will bring home a slip of paper from Picture News with some discussion points on them. It would be very useful to talk these over with your child, and send us a few comments on the slip from them about their thoughts and opinions. 😊

Computing

So far in year 3 we have looked at **systems and networks**, **desktop publishing** and **branching databases**. We will spend the remainder of the summer looking at **sequences in music**, **events & actions** and a brief look at **animation software**.

'The Usual' Reminders

Reading diaries/Reading books

You have done a great job supporting your child's reading this year, and we see the impact it is having. Please continue to encourage them to read often, and if they finish their book and haven't been able to change it - of course they may read one of their own books. Additionally, when able, please allow your child to access some online questioning about reading via their **readtheory.org** online account.

STEM

Our big STEM link, aside from our continued focus in this area, will be **cooking**. Thanks to some great ideas by Mrs Wright, the children will have a weekly cooking session linked to our learning, and in particular our Egyptian topic. They will learn a range of basic techniques and bring their wares for you to sample at home too!

Snack

Snack is available, through online payment in advance (required for the whole week). As prices may change, see our website, or contact the school office directly for further details on 01270 902055.

PE Kit / School Uniform

PE Kit and Uniform details are available on our school website if you have any doubts, alongside pricing and contact information.

A Final Word

I just wanted to finish by saying what a delight year 3 have been to teach so far and am really looking forward to see them finish the year on a high.

Kind regards,
Mr Behhinaton