

**Dear Parents,** Welcome back! We hope you've had a fantastic holiday. We are very excited to be back and ready to continue with our fantastic learning. Just a reminder, in Key Stage 2, school **starts at 8:50 and finishes at 3:05**. If you have any worries or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the Year3 team.

### Science

This half term, we will be completing some exciting activities to help the children understand how their bodies work. We will learn to identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. Further to this, we will help children to identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. You can support your child at home by discussing healthy, well balanced diets and keeping a food diary over the course of one week.

### Mathematics

Children will learn to add and subtract numbers up to 1,000. During our addition and subtraction learning, we will continue to focus on our reasoning skills to explain our understanding.

Additionally, the children will further apply their basic skills knowledge to work through the Number Planets and Base Camps.

To support your child at home, please practice their times tables/division facts daily.

### PE

**Monday (3C), Friday (3H) and Thursdays (Both)**

**PE kit:** gold T-shirt, black shorts/bottoms, trainers/plimsolls.

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### Computing

This half term, we will be focusing on using algorithms to repeat commands and code games. At home, your child could use the Scratch online website.

### Art, French and PSHE

In Art, French and PSHE this half term we will be learning all about ourselves and our goals. In Art, we will create self portraits and still life art whilst studying the artist Paul Cezanne. In French, we will learn how to talk about our body parts, favourite colours and physical appearance. In PSHE, we will discuss resolutions and going for goals. We will discuss how to overcome barriers that we face when working towards something we want.

### Music

This half term, children will be going to hear the Portsmouth Orchestra perform in Southampton and will be learning about the orchestra and music for celebrations.

### English

This half term, we will be focusing on writing inspired by our topic, Ourselves. We will be reading 'Moon Man' and 'My Name is Not Refugee' which will encourage children to think about themselves and other's feelings. We will then be writing narratives about characters who feel they may not belong. The SPaG skills covered this half term will include, choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity, using paragraphs to structure writing and using perfect present tense correctly. We will also continue our discussions on the importance of thinking about the reader when writing for a particular purpose.

# How can I help my child at home?

## Websites and Maths games

**Hit the Button**—times table practise, number bonds practise.

**Sumdog**—lots of different maths and English games.

**[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/)** - Logins will be provided for the children to access this website.

**[Topmarks.com/maths-games](http://Topmarks.com/maths-games)**— Interesting maths games and activities including times tables.

**ESL Games Plus**—Games to improve vocabulary choices within sentences.

**[Learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org](http://Learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org)**—English games to practise building new vocabulary.

**I Spy**—to describe objects and name objects.

**Bingo**—could be used for both English and Maths activities to practise their skills.

**Times tables**—Quick-fire questions for multiplication and division.

Give an answer, what is the question? ( $24 = 6 \times 4$ )

## English

Read, read, read!

It is the expectation that your child reads daily, even if it is only a few pages. They don't have to read to an adult every day, but they should still read. Please remind your child to fill out their reading log book. They should be returning the booklet daily so that they can collect their reading DoJo. We are tracking the progress of reading Dojos in class. Well done to those children who have collected lots already!

'Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.'

The children will have a home-reading book and a library book, as usual. They can also read any other books, comics, magazines that you might have at home! The children can fill out their reading challenge card however many times they read, with any text they read.

Remember you can borrow books from your local library and it is totally free

## Homework, home project, home-reading and library books

Homework will be sent home every **Monday** and is due back by **Friday**.

Home-reading books will be changed on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**— don't forget to fill in the reading log!

Sumdog and Bug Club can be accessed from home.

Library books need to be in your child's bag ready to be changed on Tuesday (3C) and Wednesday (3H).