

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. School starts at 8:50 and finishes at 3:05.

Please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the Year 3 team if you have any worries or questions.

Science

We have planned some exciting activities about Forces and Magnets where the children will create an experiment to understand the effects of different surfaces on forces. Additionally, we will learn about the forces that impact on our everyday lives. Then, we will start to explore magnets and how they work.

Mathematics

Children will practise measuring capacity in ml and l as well as learning how to measure accurately in cm and m. We will learn to consistently use the correct units of measures and compare units of measure. The children will also learn to tell the time to the nearest minute and five minutes, using analogue and digital clocks. We will explore the 24 hour clock.

French

This half term we will be learning the names for different foods in a French Patisserie. We will learn how to order items in a Patisserie.

Summer 1 in Year 3

ICT

In Shirley Warren we always ensure children can use the Internet safely. This half term we will be exploring the programme Scratch. Our focus will be on using the repeat command on the programme.

PE

Athletics.

Y3H: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Y3S: Wednesdays and Thursdays

PE kit: gold T-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls.



Art

This half term we will be developing our sculpture techniques by using clay.

Topic: Ancient Egypt

As part of our topic work we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will learn to understand about the changes that occurred over time. This learning will help us to understand the chronology of events. Through our topic work, we will learn about the Pyramids, Pharaohs and the mummification process.

English

This half term we will be using two different texts to support our English learning: The Pharaoh in the Bath and The Magic of the Mummy. The children will be exploring these texts through a variety of drama and writing including a diary entry, a newspaper report and an explanation text of mummification! They will be practising their skills of the past progressive tense, writing with speech marks and different sentence types.

How can I help my child at home?

Websites and games

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

Sumdog—lots of different maths and English games.

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/ - Logins will be provided for the children to access this website.

Topmarks.com/maths-games— Interesting maths games and activities including times tables.

<http://www.teachingtime.co.uk/> - Activities based around learning to tell the time.

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!

Please make sure your child reads daily. They don't have to read to an adult every day, but they should still read. Reading helps develop their vocabulary and imagination; it helps improve their writing and concentration skills, and it calms them down at bedtime!

They will have a home-reading book and a library book, as usual. They can also, of course, read any other books, comics, magazines that you might have at home!

Talk about books:

Try to read to/with your child often. Discuss the illustrations, the characters, the language used by the writer, whether you like the book and why. Also try to get your child to retell the story to you in their own words.

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

Reading challenge: try to read as often as you can and fill in your challenge card to get entered into the prize draw!

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 Fridays.

New reading challenge sheets are available from the class teacher when you have finished—remember they need to be signed.

Library books need to be in your child's bag ready to be changed on Library day (Y3H: Wednesday, Y3S: Tuesday)