

Year 3 Newsletter

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PE — Amber and Diamond - Tuesday

This term, we will be working on multi-skills and gymnastics. **Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their school PE kit every Tuesday.** This should include a white top/ polo shirt and red shorts or black jogging bottoms. **Please ensure your child has sensible footwear.**



Even in the cold weather we will still try to go outside each week so please provide suitable kit.

Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

Our topic in Term 1 is 'Over the bridge, Under the bridge'

Topic Work: This term, we will be looking at local geography with a focus on The River Medway and the bridges that link us to the Isle of Sheppey.

English: To kick start the new year we will be taking part in a whole school unit of work based on book 1 of a trilogy of picture books by Aaron Becker called 'Journey'. It aims to engage and inspire the children to produce some fantastic, descriptive writing. During the rest of our English lessons, the children will be learning a range of different Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar skills to apply within their writing. This will support them with their transition into Year 3.

Maths: This term, we will be focussing on place value and learning different methods to solve addition and subtraction problems.

Science: This term, our topic is Animals including Humans.

RE: This term, we are learning about Christianity with a focus on The People of God.

PSHE: Our focus will be on Communication. We will look at how to ask questions and how to answer effectively.

How can you help at home?

To support your child at home, you could recap Phase 5 phonics and their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

We are encouraging reading at least 3 times a week at home. This does not need to be a school reading book but please record this in your child's reading record.

Times Table and Division Facts

Times tables and division facts are key areas for building confidence in maths. As a result, by the end of Year 4 all children are expected to know their times tables. Therefore, we will be having weekly times table challenges. Please support your child with learning their times tables up to the 12s and encourage your child to identify the relationships between them. The children all have a PiXL times table app log in that they can use at home to practise their times tables. Thank you for your continued support.

General reminders for Term 1

Children enter school via gate 5. Morning drop off is between 8.45am-8.55am. Pick up is at 3.15pm.

REMEMBER— We are a nut free school. Please take this into consideration if your child is a packed lunch.

IMPORTANT DATES: Wednesday 15th September 3.00-3.15pm—Meet the teacher (outside on the school playground)

Reading

The children engage in many reading activities as part of their English sessions. Through the AR scheme, your child will have a band of books that they may choose from, which should all be suitable for their current reading ability. Your child needs to be secure with what they have read, so they may be encouraged to read their book more than once before completing the quiz. It is important that your child reads daily, we offer reading time in school throughout the day but this needs to be supported at home too. If you have any queries about the system, please contact your child's class teacher.



Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school everyday

Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, NO juice or squash please.**



Children should come to school everyday wearing the correct uniform, including shoes. Please discuss with us if your child is not wearing the correct uniform or shoes.

Long hair **MUST** be tied up securely every day and be able to stay up all day. Bands will be given if they have not secured their hair. No nail varnish is to be worn.