

# Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2 2024

## Welcome

Welcome back to term 4, we hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning.

## Spelling and Reading

This term we will have our spelling test on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Friday. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. We will be focussing on backing up the points we are making using evidence from the text.



## Writing

In English this term we will be exploring the importance of Shakespeare and reading Richard III. We will be looking at poetry and pulling apart The River- Valerie Bloom to develop a deeper understanding of poetry.



## Maths

In Maths, we will continue to work on our understanding of length and perimeter, after this we will then be looking at fractions, mass and capacity.



## Science

Our science topic this term is "Plants". We will look at flowering plants, requirements of a plant for life and growth, understanding water transportation in plants, looking at the importance of pollination and seed dispersal.



## Computing

There is no computing this term.



## Art & Design/Design & Technology

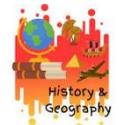
In art we will be studying Anglo Saxon art. To do this we will look at famous pieces of art and Interlaced designs, look at the Lindisfarne Gospels, paint an illuminated letter and finally make a collage of a boat linked to The Bayeux Tapestry.



In DT we will be making a pop up book for your child to take home.

## Geography/History

Our history topic this term will continue to be "The Anglo Saxons, the Scots and the Vikings". However, this term we will be learning about, Viking settlements, Danelaw, who Alfred the Great was, understanding Viking religion, learn about King Cnut, Edward the confessor and finally the Norman Invasion.



Our Geography topic this term is The South West of England, we will be looking at important counties in the South West, coastal areas, erosion, landmarks, tourism, agriculture, climate and changes over time.

## Music

In music we will be looking at songs about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance, and happiness. We will also aim to perform The Dragon Song- Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman.



## PE

PE days are **TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY** so please remember to send your child to school dressed

in PE kit on those days.  
Children may stay in PE kit all day. **Long hair is to be tied up and no jewellery please.** Thank you.

Topics taught this term:

- Multi skills
- Fitness

**PSHE**

Teaching Unit: Healthy Me



This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Being Fit and Healthy
- What Do I Know About Drugs?
- Being Safe
- Safe or Unsafe
- My Amazing Body

**RE**

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question What is 'good' about Good Friday?



**Reminders**

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

**Homework Project**

Please see separate letter.



Your child's homework is to create a fact file on The South West of England.



**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



**Times Tables Rockstars**



**Spelling Shed**



**Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



**Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Mr Fortune

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Eden & Mrs Windsor

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



**Dates for the diary!**



**Monday 26th February** – School reopens to pupils start of Term 4  
**Monday 26th February** – 1.00 - 1:30pm - Rugby session with Saints



**Thursday 7th March** – World Book Day Dress Up Day  
**Monday 11th-15th March** – Travelling Book Fair in school  
**Friday 15th March** – Red Nose Day – Mufti Day  
**Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March**- Parents Consultation Evenings 3.00- 6pm, 3.00-5.30-pm  
**Friday 22nd March** – School Photographs – Class (8.45am)  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Whole school theatre production - 'The Little Princess'  
**Thursday 28th March** – School closes for Easter