

Summer Term 2017

Year 3 Newsletter

Hello and welcome back. I hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead! I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children this term.



The purpose of this letter is to give you an outline of the term ahead and to give you some information about some of the curriculum areas Year 3 will be covering.

Topics this term include:

Science - Forces

History - The Stone Age

Geography - St Albans

Technology - Textile project

Art - links to History topic

ICT - Coding and Programming

PE - Tennis, Athletics and Fitness

Further Year 3 curriculum information is available on the school website in the Classroom and Curriculum information sections

In English we will be starting the term by looking at Poetry and Biographies. We will also link some of our History and Science topic work into literacy lessons. We will also have dedicated Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Comprehension sessions each week. In addition to daily English lessons the class will undertake English activities each day. These will include a guided reading session with myself or Mr Crouch, a visit to the library, a computing activity and free writing. As part of your child's continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. In the Year 3 section of the school website you will find a recommended reading list. Children will be given spellings on a Friday which they will need to learn in preparation for testing the following Friday. Your help with encouraging children to learn their spellings regularly will be greatly appreciated.

In Maths, amongst other things, we will be looking at place value, written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as data handling and basic algebra. The children will be working on their times tables and division facts (a different set each week). These will be tested weekly and your help with practising these is very much appreciated.

P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. I would really appreciate it if you could ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor kits available each week and suitable outdoor trainers for PE as well as a plastic bag that they can put their muddy trainers in.

Swimming lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need to bring their swimming costume/ trunks in a separate bag. They will need to wear a swimming hat to be allowed in the pool. We will also be continuing with the daily run.

I will be teaching the class all day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as Thursday and Friday mornings. On a Thursday and Friday afternoon I will receive Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time as well as Computing and Assessment Coordinator time. This will be covered by Mr Tyler. However, I will be back in class for 3.10 to dismiss the children.

Mr Crouch our Post-graduate trainee teacher will be continuing his training at Maple and will be sharing much of the teaching with myself.

Homestudy tasks will be set from the Literacy workbooks and from MyMaths each week. These tasks will be set on a Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Due to this short turn around it is important that your child hands in completed tasks on time and your help with this is very much appreciated. Children who do not complete their homestudy by the Wednesday will be required to stay in at lunchtime to complete the work they had been set.

Some important dates for your diary this term include:

Swimming Lessons start - Tuesday 19th April 2017

Open Evening - 5.30 - 7.30 Wednesday 26th April 2017

Class Assembly - 9am Friday 5th April 2017

For regular updates of what has been happening in the Year 3 classrooms, follow us on Twitter **@MapleSchoolYr3**. For whole school news events please go to www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to pop up to the classroom to see me.

With kind regards

Miss Woodhouse and the Year 3 team

