

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Summer 2019

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### Year 3 Events for Summer term

PTFA school disco Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

#### Swimming dates

Swimming Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Swimming Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Swimming Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Swimming Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Swimming Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**NO SWIMMING 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Swimming Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Swimming Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Swimming Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Swimming Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Swimming Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Trip to Butser Ancient Farm -  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Home Learning Project due in  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Yr 3 Summer Reading challenge - April  
23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

PTFA Year 3 cake sale - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Year 3 Parent share - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 3pm

## Welcome back!

Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy Easter!  
We hope you have all had a relaxing  
break and are ready for the term  
ahead!

In this newsletter, we will be  
informing you of the curriculum and  
key events of the summer term. It  
is a busy last term before the  
summer break and there is lots to  
look forward to!

#### General Information

PE kits need to be in school all  
week (including trainers) and  
everything must be named. PE days  
are Tuesdays. Other sessions will  
be blocked later in the term. We  
will also be swimming on Friday  
mornings.

Library day is Monday and children  
will have the opportunity to return  
books and take out new ones.  
Children are allowed two books at  
any time. There are still a number  
of books outstanding so please  
could you check at home for any  
that may be lurking! The library is  
open after school for children to  
change books as necessary.

Please ensure you sign your child's  
planner weekly and ensure they  
record their reading. We ask for at  
least 4 entries of reading in the  
planner per week. Please feel free  
to write any notes in there that  
you'd like us to see, but please do  
remind your child to show us as we  
do not check planners daily.

Please ensure your child has a  
named water bottle in school every  
day.

#### Homework

English / Maths: Every week, the  
children will be set a piece of  
homework. This will be given out on  
Friday and will need to be handed in  
on the following Friday (or before  
if preferred). The focus of the  
work will generally alternate every  
other week between English and  
Maths, although will be an  
alternative subject on occasion.  
Please encourage your child to find  
a suitable place to work and  
concentrate when completing his /  
her activity. Please make time to  
discuss the homework with your  
child and support as necessary.

#### Reading challenge

We are about to launch with the  
children a summer reading  
challenge that has been produced  
by the School Library Service  
called 'Read Around the World'.  
The children will be given a leaflet  
which gives them a list of 10  
different text types that they  
need to read. After the first 5 are  
completed they will receive a  
certificate and if they complete all  
10 challenges they receive a  
certificate and will be able to  
choose a £5 book as a prize, which  
the PTFA are funding. The children  
will need to record the names of  
the texts that they have read on  
the leaflet and then we will sign it  
and ask them questions about what  
they've read. We hope the children  
will be keen to take part in this  
challenge. It will run until **Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> June**. Any questions do come  
and see us!

#### Home learning project

We would like the children to  
produce an A4 size leaflet on an  
aspect of the Stone Age. It could

be on: Hunting, Tools/Weapons, Farming, Homes etc. Children may choose to type it and may want to draw or stick on pictures. The children will get an opportunity to present their leaflet to their peers. This is due in Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Swimming begins Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and further dates are listed above. We leave school around 10.30am and are back for lunchtime. It would be useful if you could provide your child with a snack to have before we leave as they get very hungry! **No sweets/ chocolate/ crisps please.** Children will need a suitable swimming costume, towel and a waterproof bag. A swimming cap is advised for anyone with long hair, as the children get very cold after swimming if their hair is wet. Please ensure any medical information is up to date. We take inhalers and medication with us as necessary.

**Summer 1 - Yabba Dabba Do**

This half term our topic is The Stone Age. We are going to be learning all about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and find out what life was like for people during this period in history. We will use the internet and a range of texts in order to research what life was like in the past. We will undertake an archaeological dig within our grounds and look at items we have discovered, discussing what these items may tell us about the past. As part of bringing our learning to life, we will also be going on a trip to Butser Ancient Farm. A separate letter will follow.

**Science:**

Our Science topic will be focussing on rocks and soils. We will be comparing and grouping different kinds of rocks and recognising that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

**English:**

This half term we will be looking at the text The Stone Age Boy. We will be learning to take notes as reporters and then write a class news article. They will then learn about newspaper skills and write further more complex texts.

**Maths:**

This term we will be continuing to work on Fractions, then moving on to Measurement, including time. We will then look at properties of shape and measurement involving mass and capacity. To support the curriculum at home, please encourage your child to regularly learn number facts by heart, particularly the multiplication tables. Please also discuss clocks with your child (analogue and digital) and encourage them as often as possible to read the time for you.

**Art:**

In Art, we will be improving our art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]. Our focus will be on Stone Age Cave paintings and jewellery making.

**Music:**

The children will be learning about the pentatonic scale, pitch and tempo.

**PE:**

We will be learning skills and tactics of different striking and fielding games.

**Computing:**

The children learn how to use simulation, model shop and use a program called Email Detectives.

**RE:**

This term we will be looking at Creation stories from Hinduism and Christianity and looking at Stones as symbols.

**Summer 2 - Into the shadows**

We are going to be learning all about Light and Shadows this half term, from creating and measuring shadows on the playground to designing our own shadow puppet show based on 'Getting on and Falling out'.

**English:**

We will be creating fables based on the popular Hare and Tortoise story. The children will then learn all about play scripts and use their fables to write a script for our Shadow puppet show.

**Science:**

Our Science topic will be Light and Shadows. The children will learn about how and why shadows are created and they will measure and record shadows over a period of time to observe how they change.

**PSHE:**

Getting on and Falling out - The children will explore the theme of friendships and how we cope with getting on and falling out with each other. The children will look at developing strategies to deal with friendship issues.

**PE:**

Athletics and Swimming

**Computing:**

We are learning to use the programs Datasweet and Logbox.

Any further dates and information will be sent to you separately. Thank you for supporting your child at home and as always if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and see one of us.

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