



Year 3 News

18th September 2009

Dear Parents of children in Mrs Wright's class,

Welcome to the School's New Year and it's great to have the children back eager to learn.

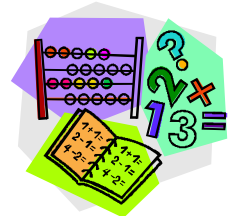
I would like to take this opportunity to say hello and inform you about this term. As I am sure you are aware, the work and expectations over the coming year will be different to what the children have experienced before. This year Mrs Macquisten will be working alongside me in the classroom on set days to support different groups of children. We will also be joined by a student teacher, later on, who will be teaching with myself.



In terms of Literacy the main focus will be on "stories with historical settings", such as stories from Roman times, "information texts" like encyclopaedias, newspapers, etc and "poetry language play". We will look at sentence construction: nouns, verbs, adjectives, punctuation, handwriting, etc so that we can improve the quality of the children's writing. Our topic is "Invaders and Settlers". This will cover the Romans, Vikings and Anglo Saxons and we will be linking this to our Literacy and ICT work. We will continue to learn phonics and spelling patterns, which we will expect to use within writing. Mrs Macquisten will test the children on the reading and spelling of the Y3 words. You will receive a copy of the words so that you can help the children to learn them. They will have the opportunity to progress along a "train track" according to how well they do. The children will continue to read their reading book with you at home each night and I would appreciate if you could log their progress in their reading diary. Please ensure that your child's book bag is in class each day. We will be doing guided reading using other materials each day.



In Mathematics we will be working as a whole class with support from Mrs Macquisten. The main themes will be "counting, partitioning and calculating", "securing number facts", "shape", and "handling data and measures".



Our Science topics for this term are "Teeth" and "Keeping Warm". Music will be taught on a Wednesday morning and will cover rhythmic patterns and musical arrangements. Art will be focussed on in the last week of each half term. This term we will study pattern, particularly with regard to Roman mosaics. PE will take place on Mondays. Please ensure your child's kit is clean, labelled and kept at school. We will be doing Gymnastics and Invasion games this term.



Homework will be set as follows: reading, word and tables learning-every night, as well as "Learning logs" which are issued on Wednesdays and returned on Mondays. Please feel free to help your child as much as you can with their homework. You can give them the precious one to one time which I am unable to, having 26 children to look after. Guide them in content, handwriting and spelling please.

We continue to encourage the drinking of water and Mrs Macquisten and I have bought each child a water bottle which will be refilled daily. When it begins to look the worse for wear we would like you to send in a clean empty bottle for them to use.





As a school we are concerned about **some** children's lack of respect for school property. It has been noted that **some** children have doodled on the front of their books, carelessly lost pens and pencils, and find it amusing to break rulers and mirrors. The school happily provides each child with these resources, but our stock is not limitless. I have informed the children that if loss or breakage occurs they must make a small monetary contribution towards the cost of a second or subsequent resource or provide their own from home. I hope that you will support me in this matter, so that the children learn to be responsible for their belongings. (New pencils and pens will be given freely if they are too short or have run out).

Dinner money is £9.25 per week, payable on Mondays please.

There is always a large amount of lost property in school, mainly due to clothing not being labelled properly. **ALL** clothing needs your child's name in it. Clothes are very expensive and we cannot trace lost, unlabelled uniform as they are all the same. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their own clothing.

I would like to invite parents to volunteer to hear children read. If there are any other areas you are interested in and would like to volunteer for please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. We will be going to Chaddesden Park for the local remembrance day parade but I will let you know about that nearer the time.

I actively encourage the children to speak to me if they have any concerns or problems relating to school and I also invite you to contact me if there are issues arising at home. I will be meeting with you at the October Parent's evening but please contact me before or after if you have any worries.



I look forward to a successful and positive year with Year 3.

Yours sincerely,



Janice Wright