

Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good Christmas break. I have lots of interesting learning planned for the children this term. I will be continuing with times tables test, again on Friday, as last term. I will remind the children of which table(s) I will be testing them on. Chanting table, although not very exciting, does help the children to memorise the multiplication facts and is so helpful at reinforcing learning. Please remember that I will always include **division** questions.

During English this term we will be reading lots of stories from other cultures and using these to help us write our own stories. We will also be learning about Judaism, – both in the UK and abroad, and Christianity as we approach Easter. Our Geography topic this term is Biggest/Smallest/Tallest/Shortest. This is a very broad topic and I will be focussing in on the geography of Europe, particularly France. We will look at both the physical features of the country as well as considering human geography. This will enable us to look at mountains, rivers, beaches, towns and cities as well as trade links. We will then contrast France with the UK, again looking at trade and geographical features. We will look at the work of the artist Matisse and the children will try to copy some of his work.



Year 3 are lucky to have been chosen to join in the Belvoir Choral Festival this term and will be having some singing coaching in preparation for a concert, with the other primary schools in the Vale. This will take place in early March - more details to follow.

Gentle Reminders! It is still important to share your child's reading book with them and talk about it so that their comprehension skills can be improved. If a reading book needs to be changed please remind your child to let me know. PE kits should be named and please could they be in school all week – PE is planned for **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** but sometimes we need to change the plan due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Homework is due back to me on Thursdays so that I can mark it before setting new work on Friday.

We will also have our Years 3 and 4 performance later this term. After the half term we will start to cast the play and learn the songs. Once the performance date is finalised we will let you know so that you can reserve the date in your diaries.

If you have any concerns or queries then please do not hesitate to catch me, either before or after school, or if that is not possible, please phone me. I am here to help.

Mrs K Hunt
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