



Please Note

Forest School: This term the children are being given a fantastic opportunity to take part in Forest School sessions. Oak class will do this on a Tuesday afternoon in Spring 1 and Birch in Spring 2. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school on these dates.

Uniform, PE kits, water bottles and snacks: Children need to be wearing the correct uniform at all times. We take pride in our school and are very proud of how smart the children look when wearing the correct uniform. Children should also bring a water bottle to school. It should contain only water and be clearly named. Children will be doing P.E. outside and therefore will need an outdoor kit. Children should have a water bottle in school. This must contain water, not juice, and have the child's name clearly displayed. The children can bring in snacks of fruit and vegetables for their break time.

Home Learning: Home learning will continue to be given out on Friday. Each week we will alternate between English and Maths home learning. Topic home learning may also be given out across the term. Home learning should be returned to school on the following Wednesday. Children can attend 'Home Learning Club' on Tuesday lunchtimes to allow them to get support if needed. If homework is not completed, then children will move down the zone board and complete home learning during Golden Time. It is also expected that children read for 10-15 minutes each night. Children should be practising their times tables and spellings in preparation for their weekly tests. All sets for spelling and times tables are available on our website.

Show and Tell: A timetable for show and tell has been sent home and is clearly display in the year 3/4 corridor if you are unsure when your child's show and tell is.

Dates for your diary:

OAK LIBRARY VISITS: 17-01-18, 14-02-18, 14-03-18.

BIRCH LIBRARY VISITS: 24-01-18 28-02-18 21-03-18

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Planet Earth



Year 3
Spring Term

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Welcome back to Year 3, we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

Year 3 Team:

Miss Skidmore (Birch Class Teacher)

Miss Richardson (Oak Class Teacher)

Mrs Stonehouse (Year 3 Teaching Assistant)

Miss Clarke (Year 3 Teaching Assistant)

Miss Best (Acting LKS2 Phase Leader)

Mr Holder (Assistant Headteacher)

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any point throughout the term if you should have any concerns, we will do our best to answer your queries. The happiness of your child is very important to us all.

Our topic:

The theme for our spring term topic is Planet Earth. The topic aims to develop the children's understanding of biomes around the world. We will be looking at rivers, mountains, rainforests, coasts and deserts. We will be learning about the environment, climate and the types of plants and animals that are found in these places.

We do hope that you will encourage your child to research this topic at home as this will support them during their lessons.

We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming term.

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English: Both groups will be continuing to work with high quality texts. They will be using the texts 'There is a Snake In the School' and 'Mr Stink' by our focus author David Walliams. The children will focus on a range of writing. Through narrative writing, they will aim to produce a story sequel. We will also use persuasive writing to create a letter and write our own newspaper reports.

Maths: The children will be continuing their work on formal written methods for all operations. They will also be working hard to improve their mental recall of times tables and related division calculations. Please support your child at home where possible with telling the time and using money.

Science: This term, we will be investigating plants and animals and their habitats. We will look at the structure of plants and what they need to survive. We will also be exploring the different habitats both here and around the world that animals live in.

History and geography: Our Planet Earth topic will explore world biomes and the different living conditions found near these. We will be focusing on the climate, the plants and animals found in these areas and exploring the impact on the local environment.

PE: In P.E, the children will continue to develop skills in invasion games through tag rugby. They will also develop their outdoor education through exciting activities using maps and orienteering. Linking with topic, the children will participate in a dance based on Planet Earth.

The arts and technology: This term, the children will be creating boats that would be effective in a river environment. They will need to design, test, improve and evaluate their boats. In art, we will be focusing on sketching and focal points in a picture.

Computing: This term, the children will be applying their general computer skills. They will also begin to use an ICT software called Scratch.

RE: This term we will be looking at the Holy Bible and Loss and

French: In French, we will be continuing to count from 1-20 and building up our knowledge of everyday greetings. We will also be learning the colours of the rainbow.

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