



Butterflies Class Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 3 and to Butterflies Class! I hope the children enjoyed their Christmas break and are excited to continue their hard work.

English

During this term we will look at myths, linking this to our topic to write a Roman Myth. We will also be writing instructions, looking at what makes a good set of instructions and testing these out. Another non-fiction text will be a Discussion text based around 'Why did the Romans build straight roads?'. These texts will give the children a chance to explore different writing styles and develop their previous learning. The children will also have daily phonics or spelling lessons, as well as there being a continued focus on handwriting and presentation.

Maths

During this term we will be looking at many areas of Maths. First of all, we will be continuing with Multiplication and Division, developing children's knowledge. We will then move onto Measurement which will involve capacity, time, shape and money, again developing on the children's prior learning and extending this further. We will be continuing to work hard on counting in 3's, 4's and 8's as well as recapping previous times tables and applying these in our Maths.

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'Romans Rule'. As part of this topic, the children will learn about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, learning about the power of its army, Hadrian's Wall and the British resistance.

P.E

Our PE day is Thursday. PE kits are expected to be in school from Monday to Friday. Indoor kit should be a plain white or black polo shirt with black shorts. For outdoor P.E sessions, the children should ideally have a tracksuit, particularly in the cooler weather, and appropriate outdoor footwear. Outdoor P.E will take place unless the weather is extreme, so please make sure your child has plenty of layers, hats and gloves during the colder months. Hair MUST be tied back for P.E and ALL jewellery removed. Unless a written note is received, all children will be expected to take part in P.E. If your child forgets their PE kit, they will be given a warning on the first instance and then a purple slip the second time.



Swimming

Butterflies class will be going swimming this term on Tuesday afternoons at Stanground Academy. This is our second PE lesson and your child will be expected to have the correct swimming kit in school each week including a towel. It is pool rules for every child to wear a swimming cap otherwise they will not be allowed in the pool. Your child will be expected to wear either a swimming costume or swimming bottoms that are above the knee. No earrings are allowed whilst in the pool, please send your child with no earrings in on swimming days. This will be a great opportunity for your child to develop water confidence and safety awareness.

Homework

Mathletics and Reading eggs homework will continue to be set for each child every week. Homework is set every Friday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday. In addition to this, children will be given weekly spellings to learn and they are expected to learn their times tables and read at home at least three times weekly. Children will also continue to receive a half term homework project. This will be topic based and the children can take it in any direction they want to. It is expected that all children will complete their homework.

Uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform and equipment, including bags, are clearly named. Long hair should be tied back and short hair should be sensibly cut. Appropriate school shoes must also be worn and must be changed for PE. Nail varnish is not allowed.

Finally

Please encourage your child to continue to become more independent, now they are in the second term of year 3. Allow your child to bring letters and dinner money into the classroom, encourage them to prepare their own P.E kit and remember letters, forms, homework etc.

If you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Trower or Mrs Phillips.

Your continued support is very much appreciated and I am very much looking forward to the term ahead.

Miss Lemon

Year 3 Class Teacher