

Year 3 Ant Class Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 3 and to our new name, **Ant Class**.

An ant is a symbol of strength, determination, resilience and unity. Despite being small, ants possess an immense strength of accomplishment, reminding us that nothing comes easy without putting any effort. Ants live as a group and work as a team to attain their common goal.



English - Continuing on from our learning about Roman myths, we will also be writing a recount and newspaper report. 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 half term we will be looking at many areas of Maths. 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. We will also start learning about fractions including: recognising equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions as well as, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators.

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.



Science - In science, we will be learning about the uses of everyday materials. Children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses, by exploring the purposes of different objects.

P.E - Our PE day is Thursday. PE kits are expected to be in school from Monday to Friday. This half term the focus will be on dance.

Indoor kit should be a plain black polo shirt with black shorts. 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.



Swimming - We will be continuing our swimming this term on Tuesday afternoons at Stanground Academy. Please ensure your child has the correct swimming kit each week including a towel and a swimming cap. No earrings are allowed whilst in the pool, so 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 **science 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.

Finally, please encourage your child to continue to become more independent by bringing letters and dinner money into the classroom and encouraging them to prepare their own P.E kit.

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.

Mr Day

Year 3 Class Teacher

