

Year 3 Bluebirds NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 3 Bluebirds. We hope you had a fantastic summer!

Year 3 Bluebirds' Curriculum

This term, Bluebirds' new topic in History is the Stone through to the Iron Age. Throughout the topic children will be developing their history skills by improving upon their chronology to establish when this period was and what man did to survive and develop. They will use evidence to interpret and investigate the past, enabling them to compare the Stone Age with modern Britain. Children will be creating cave paintings within Art lessons. Later in the term, Stone Age soup will be made! In Geography, children will study the countries and regions of Great Britain. They will also learn about human features and landmarks in the UK.

In Maths, children will be developing their number skills and knowledge in place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In English, children will be reading various text types, particularly focusing on refining reading strategies, questioning a text and retrieving information from fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Linked to our texts, they will be writing letters, recounts, stories and information about the Stone Age. In Computing, children will be learning about e-safety aspects besides being taught basic programming.

In Year 3, Bluebirds are very fortunate to have a specialist teacher for their French lessons and will be studying scientific enquiry within their weekly Science lessons involving solar ovens, coins and cakes! P.E. will be every Monday and Tuesday so please ensure your child has their full kit in school on that day. In PSHE children follow the themes of being me in my words and celebrating differences. In R.E. Bluebirds will learn about Islam-does praying at regular intervals help Muslims in their everyday life? And Christianity-has Christmas lost it's true meaning?

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Homework

As per the school's homework policy, your child will have homework which will not exceed the 1.5 hours per week for this year group.

These will include, over the year, activities such as:

- *Reading*
- *Spellings online*
- *Maths activities online*

In Year 3, your child will be learning spelling rules rather than a list of words for a weekly test, although they will receive some specific spellings to practise online from the statutory Year 3-4 word list. These will be tested at the end of every half term.

Your child will be tested on their Number Club Facts each week. In Year 3, pupils need to learn the 3, 4 and 8 time tables so please practise these as much as possible. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly and sign their reading record book as this will be checked on a daily basis. Regular reading supports and improves learning in every subject.

Finally, please ensure your child has a named drinking bottle in class every day (in addition to their bottle for lunch, if your child brings a packed lunch). We would be grateful if you could make certain your child has all items of their uniform clearly named.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Parry, Mrs Ville, Miss Parkes & Mrs Lena

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