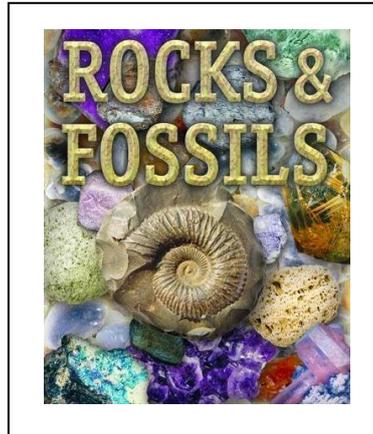




Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Year 3 Spring Term 1



Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Class 3 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and in to a new year, 2023! I hope you have all had a calming and happy festive break. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their holiday stories.

Topic:

This term, the children will have a science based topic called, 'Rolling Stones', with an overarching question, 'How are rocks and fossils formed?' The children will learn how different types of rocks and fossils are formed, how to classify rocks by their properties and how rocks are used in everyday life. The children will find the answers through scientific investigations, observational understanding and practical experiments.

Home Learning

Spellings will continue to be handed out on a **Monday** and will be tested on the **Friday**. Spellings will come in a 'look, say, cover, write, check' format with space for four days' worth of practise. The children can also practise their spellings by completing activities on the 'EdShed' website.

Times tables can be completed however you wish, but we also have the opportunity to use Purple Mash and Times Tables Rockstars.

The children will complete a times table test at the beginning of the term and then we will re-test the pupils at the end of the term to see their progress. This term, the children will be learning their 5 time tables.

Pick 'n' Mix home learning will be starting the week of 16th January. The layout has changed to a wonderful new leaf theme, where the children complete a certain number of leaves to earn their certificate. Leaves marked with a *star are compulsory. If children have completed a piece of home learning, they need to bring it into school on a Friday so this can be shared with their classmates.

Reading

It is important that all children should read regularly and this is recorded in their Go Read accounts. To further support your child's understanding it would be useful to ask them questions and discuss what they have read.

A reading letter has been sent out this week via Parent Mail, explaining the new reading scheme KS2 will be following. The children will receive a new banded book following the new scheme and will then choose any book as their read for pleasure book. Whole Class Reading sessions take place daily, focusing on developing a range of reading skills, including retrieval, inference and explanations skills to encouraging progress.

PE:

PE will continue to be taught on Monday and Friday afternoons. Children are allowed to wear their PE kits in to school on these days. They may also wear their PE kit in to school on days they have an after school club. Please make sure your child's PE kit is named. Your child's PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, green shorts or joggers and socks (especially for girls who may be wearing tights) or the new PE kit which can be purchased through Parent Mail.

Value:

Perseverance

Pressing on

Eager to continue

Running the race

Sticking with things

Encouraging each other to keep going

Valuing the support of others

Eyes fixed on the target

Reaching a goal over time

Aiming to complete a task

Not giving up

Commitment to keep going

Ending up where you want to be

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone or make an appointment via the School Office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Large