

Class 3's Newsletter

June 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of the all new Class 3. I am delighted to welcome our new year 4s in to the class and look forward to a very fun and productive half term ahead.

Topic

Konnichiwa, Ni Hao, Namaste

This half term our topic is centred around the themed week focus of the continents of the world. The continent we will be exploring is Asia, so I hope everyone has their sun cream, hats and sunglasses at hand! We will be visiting China and Japan to find out about their music, art and food, as well as some elements of the culture and religion of the countries and a little bit of the language and the land. Then we will take a quick flight over to India where we can meet Miss Bhamber and find out all about her recent visit to India. We will look at what they wear; find out about the weather: research the size of the population; explore the food, language, and how the features of the land change across the country. We might even have a go at some Bollywood dancing and making shadow puppets to support our science topic of Light and Shadows. It's just a shame we can't actually travel over to the continent to experience it all first hand!

P.E. and Swimming

We will be having our timetabled P.E. sessions on Mondays. These will mostly be held outside, so all children will need the appropriate P.E. shorts and white t-shirt and outdoor shoes. Although it is timetabled for Mondays children will need to leave their kits in school for the week, as there will be opportunities to use the field and have additional P.E. slots as the weather gets better.

Swimming - Swimming sessions are every Tuesday afternoon, except for the last week (Tuesday 14th July). All children just need their swimming costume / shorts and a towel. Goggles are not essential, but many children like to have them. Sprays and powders are not allowed. Girls may need a hairbrush and must always have their hair tied back.

Water bottles

As the weather is getting increasingly warm (even if it is not always dry) children need to have their water bottle in school every day. They must also make sure they bring it

home to be cleaned regularly. Cups are not provided during the day, except at lunchtime.

Reading

All children in the class receive guided reading 4 times a week and a reading time on a Friday, which means that every child reads with an adult at least once a week and has chance to discuss the text they are reading. This, of course, is never enough and we cannot stress enough how important it is that all children have the opportunity to read every day at home as well. You will know whether your child needs to read with you and have support in decoding the words, or whether they are happier to read alone at the end of the sofa and then discuss it with you afterwards. Either way I would encourage any comments of what reading they are doing in their reading records.

Homework

Homework will be set on Wednesdays and returned to school on Mondays. Children who return their homework faithfully each week are often awarded green stickers for their work (as long as their work is a high standard in all other sessions as well) and frequently house points. However, any children who do not return their homework on a Monday would receive a 'late' notice and miss out on the green sticker and if they still don't return it on Tuesday they miss at least one break time, dependent on how long it takes to complete the requested homework.

Diary dates:

- Wednesday 11th June - Bingo afternoon and evening (fundraising for Year 7 leavers)
- Wc. Monday 16th June - Themed Week of 'Continents of the World'.
- Wc. Monday 23rd June - Optional SATs week
- Thursday 26th June - Themed week parents assembly at 2:15pm
- Thursday 3rd July - FOM children's disco
- Saturday 5th July - Grand Depart for the Tour de France
- Monday 21st July - End of Year Performance
- Monday 21st July - Break up for summer holidays

Regards,

Mrs. Douglas