

Spring Newsletter

Sparrow Class – Mr Ballard, Mrs Willis, Mrs Bishop

Welcome back to Sparrow Class! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays, and are ready to continue with the challenges of year 3 as we embark on a new year. This term our wider curriculum foci are Geography, Science, Computing, Languages and Design and Technology. We will begin by focusing on a UK study, looking at the countries within the UK, and the different seas, counties and regions of our area before moving onto forces and magnets and electrical systems in Science.

PE Schedule & Equipment

Our PE focus this half term is this will take place on a

Tuesday

Please ensure your child has the correct PE Kit, including jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers. **PE is a core subject.** If your child is unable to participate in a session, we will require a written note to support this.

Please make sure these are brought to school on a Monday.

Learning Together

Our Learning Together afternoon is on Wednesday 26th February 2-3pm

Times Tables Rock Stars



TT Rock Stars is our interactive programme designed to improve recall of the Times Tables and increase confidence in maths, all while having a rockin' time! Please encourage your child to regularly access this to sharpen their skills.

Snacks:

Snacks for break time need to be fruit or vegetables only. Tuck-shop remains on a Tuesday.

Home/School communication/home learning

Year 3 children should read every day. Reading a range of genres with fluency and confidence is not only a National Curriculum Objective, but an essential life skill. Please **encourage** your children to read and share books with them. **Ask** them questions about what they've read, **discuss** unfamiliar words and how the language impacts the reader.

Reap the rewards of Reading!

Reading logs are checked every **Wednesday morning which will be monitored by your class teacher.** Each time your child reads, they will be entered into our *Reading Raffle*. Each Friday, 2 winners are chosen at random and they can pick a prize from the Golden Box.

Magpie Class Homework

In addition to reading, all children will be given spellings and times tables to practise each week. **These tests will be on Mondays rather than the Wednesdays of last term.** All children should complete a piece of homework from the takeaway menu in their homework book. Homework should be handed in on Tuesday and will be returned on Wednesday each week. See the takeaway menu for more details.

Planned Trips

Currently we do not have a visit planned for this term, however if this changes we will give you plenty of notice. Thank you to all helpers that made our visit to Colchester Castle an enjoyable experience.

We hope to be visiting Haverhill Library as part of our research on the UK.

Parent helpers would be appreciated for our trip. Please let us know if you are able to help.



Helping your child at home:

Please refer to the Year 3 Expectations guide which details the standards expected for children at the end of Year 3 in Reading, Writing and Maths. All the objectives will be worked on throughout the year and will be the focus of direct teaching. Any extra support you can provide in helping your children towards these is greatly valued.

Correct School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including **black shoes.** As the weather is changeable this term, please ensure your child has a **coat** every day. If we experience extreme wet and snowy weather your child may bring boots, however these must be clearly labelled.

