



Year 3 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to all parents and carers of children in Year 3. It seems like a long time ago now, but I hope you have all had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2023; I hope it will be a very happy and healthy year for you and your family.

We will be continuing with our topic-based curriculum. Everyone enjoyed our 'Stone Age' topic in the Autumn term and I hope they find our next topics just as interesting and exciting.

Science

Our Science unit for Spring 1 is 'Forces and Magnets'. We will compare how things move on different surfaces, observe how magnets attract or repel each other and identify some magnetic materials. Our Science unit for Spring 2 is 'Plants' where we will find out the seven life processes and what plants need to survive.



Topic

Our Topic this term is 'The World Around Us'. During our topic, we will find out about the geography of our country, looking particularly at the human and physical features of our town, our county and then our country. English will be taught through texts that will help broaden your child's vocabulary, deepen their understanding, and provide a context for their own work. Our texts will include: 'The Iron Man', 'The Iron Woman', and 'The Street Beneath My Feet'.



Home Learning Tasks

Reading

One of the most important things that you can do to support your child, is to read with them regularly. You can listen to your child read or even share the reading with them.

Please return your child's reading book to school every day, and sign their reading record at least three times a week.

Homework.

Homework will continue to be one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework a week.

English homework will generally be focussed on an element of our classwork such as grammar, punctuation or a reading comprehension.

Maths will generally be linked to our learning in class that particular week.

Homework will be a worksheet to complete but there might also be a supplementary online activity on Purple Mash, SumDog, Learning by Questions or Times Table Rockstars.

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P.E.

Your child's P.E. lessons are on a Monday afternoon and a Tuesday morning.

This term we are doing gymnastics and netball. Gymnastics lessons will take place inside, netball lessons will take place outside.

Please ensure your child brings appropriate kit to school on a Monday and I will send it home on a Friday night for washing.

Your child's P.E. kit should consist of:

- plain black shorts and tracksuit bottoms.
- a plain T-shirt in your child's House colour:
 - Auckland: green
 - Brancepeth: blue
 - Durham: yellow
 - Raby: red.
- a change of footwear.

All watches and earrings are to be removed for the session. Your support and co-operation with this is very much appreciated.

School Dinners

Now that your child is in Key Stage 2, if they receive a school dinner, it must be paid for. The cost of these dinners is £2.25 per day, so £11.25 for the week. However, you could be eligible for a free school meal if you meet the criteria. If you need any further information about this, please either email the office on kingstreet@durhamlearning.net or phone the office on 01388 816 078.



Water bottles

Your child is welcome to bring a bottle of still, unflavoured water with them in to class.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school for dinner, please ensure that they bring a drink for lunch and a water bottle for class.

Fruit

Key Stage 2 do not receive a snack of fruit at playtimes like Key Stage 1 do. However, your child is very welcome to bring their own fruit in from home as a snack to eat during morning playtime.



Remember to keep checking our school website (<http://www.kingstreet.eschools.co.uk/>) which will keep you up to date with all the latest information. You should have received a personal log-in for our e-schools website. If you have the means to, please download the app onto your phone so that you have all our latest news and information at your fingertips!

Thank you once again for your support and co-operation with home-school learning.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Heightley, Miss Brown and Miss Navin.