

Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 7th September, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Leybourne! I hope you all had a great summer holiday- you all deserved it after all of that hard work during lock down. Thank you again for working so hard with your children to ensure they received the education that they deserve. I'm really looking forward to a full year with the children without any interruptions this time! Year 3 have settled back into the routine of school, the change of being in Key Stage 2 and the new hygiene measures quickly and sensibly. Mrs Patterson and I have been so impressed by the whole class this week. They have worked extremely hard in all subjects and their behaviour has just been wonderful. We are very lucky teachers!

Breaktime Snacks

As we are now in Key Stage 2, the children are no longer provided with fruit from the government. If you wish, you may send in a healthy fruit snack for the children to eat during break time.

Bubble Fun

In the first week of school, to celebrate being back together, the children collected marbles for good behaviour and exchanged these marbles for time outside, playing with bubbles! They really enjoyed playing, laughing and having fun together as a class again after such a long time.



Project

The children should have taken home a letter this week about our homework project for our new unit in history which is The Stone Age. I look forward to seeing their projects which can be presented in any way that the children wish on Monday 28th September.

Spellings for the year

Below is the list of spelling words that children are expected to know by the end of Year 4. They are covered over the course of Year 3 and 4 and will form the basis of our spelling work and tests this year.

New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4

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accident	centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign
accidentally	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
actual	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actually	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
address	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
although	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	woman
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	women

Music

This year, we are lucky enough to have Mr Jaggard teaching the children how to play the ukulele. We had lots of fun on Tuesday afternoon in our first session. This week, we covered the basics of ukulele playing by learning how to play a few notes and how to hold this instrument correctly. If the children have their own ukulele, they are more than welcome to bring them in on a Tuesday afternoon in a named case. We will continue to have lessons with Mr Jaggard throughout much of Year 3.



PE (Monday and Wednesday afternoons)

For our PE sessions this term, we will cover yoga and gymnastics. We spent our first yoga session practising some well-known Yoga poses and discussing how Yoga can help our bodies and minds. The children re-created lots of poses really well by imagining that they were different animals. Can you guess which animals the girls are below?



Maths

For the next few weeks we will cover 'Place Value' in our maths lessons. This week we used base-10 to make, draw and represent different 2 and 3-digit numbers. Then, we practised partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones by thinking about the value of each digit. We used part-whole models to partition numbers.

To the right is an example of how we can represent numbers in number form, words, addition sums and using base 10.

We re-capped our learning from Year 2 to ensure all objectives from that year group had been met in order for us to access Year 3 learning confidently.

531	318	830
5 hundreds 3 tens 1 one	3 hundreds 1 ten 8 ones	8 hundreds 3 tens
$500+30+1$	$300+10+8$	$800+30$

We will do this throughout the year to ensure the children have covered all learning required.

English

This week, we started the week with some free writing. The children were encouraged to enjoy writing in school and to use all of the resources that can help them in school such as vocabulary books, dictionaries and word mats. We spent the rest of the week focusing on sentence structure and punctuation to re-cap expectations in writing. They have worked super-hard and I have really enjoyed reading their stories and hearing their wonderful ideas.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Courtney and Mrs Patterson 😊