



Parkstone Primary School

Autumn Term 2016

Year 3 - Mrs Holtby/Mrs Derrick

Year 3/4 - Miss Hume

Year 4 - Miss Lamerton



Welcome back for the start of the term. We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for the new academic year. This letter will outline some of the topics your child will be learning about over the coming weeks and other key bits of information.

We are excited to welcome Miss Lamerton and Mrs Gibbs to our Year 3/4 teaching team. From Monday to Thursday the children will be split into discreet year groups for Guided Reading, Maths and English. Mrs Gibbs will teach one of the Year 3 groups.

Our topic for this term is 'The Rotten Romans'. During the first half term we will be finding out about the history of Ancient Rome. As geographers we will develop our maps reading and research skills to learn about the spread of the Roman Empire. As historians we will be researching about what life was like for the Roman people including taking part in a variety of Roman workshops during our visit to the Hull and East Riding museum. During the second half term we will be getting creative as our art project will focus on recreating some famous Roman artefacts using modrock.

Our topic work will culminate with a 'Roman cafe' enterprise project where parents will be invited to join us for refreshments and see the project work the children have produced. Alongside our topic work we will be developing our scientific enquiry skills through our light and shadow unit. Children new to Year 3 will be starting to learn French this year and we will also have some special class assemblies to celebrate 'British values'.

Homework

We continue to ask that children read at least 3 times a week at home, and those children that achieve this and bring their reading record to school on a Friday will earn a golden playtime. Please make use of the reading support on our website. It follows the reciprocal approach to reading that we teach during school sessions. Also, please support your child in reading a complete book from start to finish although this may take a number of sessions depending on the length of the text.

Please continue to support your child with their Big Maths 'Learn Its' which are sent home each week. It is vital they learn them by heart before moving onto the next set of tests. Please note - each test has the same facts in it, but they are just in a different order!

Further homework challenges will be set over the course of the term. These will be based around our topic work. They will include research, craft and other fun activities. We also send weekly spellings home. Please help your children to learn these words for a spelling quiz the following week.

Water bottles

It's important that children drink plenty of fluids during the day, so please do send a water bottle in each day. We will send them home each night to be refilled with water only. Please ensure that the water bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE Kit

PE kits should be sent with your child on Mondays and be taken home on Fridays for washing. Their PE kit should include a change of t-shirt, some shorts and sandshoes as well as jogging bottoms, a sweat shirt and trainers for outdoor games. Please note that some PE sessions will be outside this term even if it is cold or wet so please make sure they are dressed appropriately.

If your child has their ears pierced, they need to remove their earrings ready for PE or bring their own tape to cover their earrings. This is for health and safety reasons.

All items of your child's PE kit and school clothing must be named.

If you have any queries about any of the above or school in general, then please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us.

The Year 3/4 team

Important dates

Wednesday 14th September - Year 3 visit to the Hull and East Riding museum

Thursday 15th September - Year 4 visit to the Hull and East Riding museum

Friday 30th September - Macmillan coffee morning - 9:00-9:30am

Wednesday 19th October - KS2 Stay and calculate - 9:00-9:30am

Friday 21st October - Half term

Monday 31st October - return to school

Thursday 17th November - KS2 Stay and Read - 9:00-9:30am

Friday 25th November - Non-uniform day (donations for the Christmas fair)

Tuesday 29th November - Christmas decorating afternoon (time TBC)

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fair (time TBC)

Thursday 15th December - KS2 Christmas parties

Friday 16th December - End of term.