



Year 2 and 3 Class Newsletter - Spring Term 2018

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a restful break over the holidays and are ready to get started with all the excitement of spring term.

This newsletter gives a brief outline of what we will be up to this term. If there is anything else you need to know, please do not hesitate to ask! Emailing the school office to make an appointment with either teacher is preferred for longer discussions.

What will we be learning about this term?

Our topic for this term is "**The Flintstones**". We will be learning about how Britain changed during the Stone Age right up to the Iron Age across all subjects. At the bottom of this newsletter is a brief topic web showing some of the things we will be learning this term.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Thursdays** and **Fridays** each week. Mr Warriner will continue teach P.E. on Thursdays and Miss Hodkin will teach P.E. every Friday. Children should keep their P.E. kit in school at all times, just in case we have extra P.E. sessions or we have to change our P.E. day. Please ensure that your child's kit is clearly labelled and that they have shoes and clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor use.

Homework and spellings

Homework grids will be sent out with this letter and children will again be asked to complete the green shaded boxes as a minimum, but are free to complete as many or as few as the other activities as they wish. We would prefer all homework to be completed in the children's homework books or stuck into the books so it doesn't get misplaced!

Spellings will continue to be given out and tested **every Wednesday** with Mrs Bird.

Reading

Staff continuously assess reading ability and will hear children read as part of guided reading sessions, reading aloud in lesson time, reading comprehensions and individual reading. The children must independently change their own reading book for another one of the same level/band once they have read it, at either break time or at the end of the school day.

It is also important that children read regularly at home and we ask children to aim to read every night. Please ensure your child brings in their reading record daily as this will be used to record any reading they have completed in school.

Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars

We recommend your child should go onto Mathletics during the week to complete a range of set activities, which are linked to their maths learning in class. If you need a reminder of your child's Mathletics username and password, please let us know!

We are now using a times table programme called 'TT Rockstars' in school to support the learning of multiplication and division facts. Each child also has an online log in so that they can use TT Rockstars at home to further practise their times tables. Further information will be sent home in due course with regard to the use of TT Rockstars.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Hodkin and Mrs Bird

