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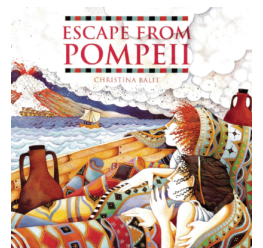
Year 3 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have almost reached the end of Year 3! It has been a pleasure to see the cohort growing into self-assured and independent learners: they truly have been a delight to lead. I hope this newsletter keeps you up to date with this busy time of year.

Curriculum

This half term, Year 3 are exploring the life and times of the Romans through their engaging rich read '*Escape from Pompeii*', written by Christina Balit.



Topic Hook Day

On their first day back, Year 3 spent time learning about the Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar. They learned when the Romans invaded Britain and practised Roman battle formations! Finally, they read their new rich read before investigating the impact of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius on Pompeii.

Topic Outcome

All of the children's learning this half term will feed into their learning outcome on Monday 21st July. In their outcome, the children will conduct a debate on their big question in front of the Year 6 House Captains.

Year 4 Friendship Choices

Last week, you will have received this online form: [Friendship Choice Form](#) . The form gives you the opportunity to select three possible friendship choices for your child's Year 4 class. The children had an assembly last week where it was made clear to them that we can only guarantee placing them with one of their friendship choices but there is a possibility that they will be with more than one of them.

Please ensure that you have completed and submitted this form by 12.00pm on Monday 15th June.

N.B. If we do not receive a completed form by this date, we will ask your child their choices directly.

Move Up Day

On Wednesday 1st July, your child will be told who their Year 4 class teacher will be.

On Thursday 2nd July, your child will have the opportunity to spend a day with their Year 4 teacher and their new class. The plan for the day will be as follows:

- Your child will come into their Year 3 classroom as normal at the start of the day.
- Their Year 3 class teacher will remind them of who their Year 4 teacher is before taking them to the hall to meet their new teacher.
- They will spend the day with their new teacher and class doing many fun, getting-to-know-you activities.
- Your child will return to their Year 3 teacher before the end of the day and will be brought out onto the Year 3 playground, as normal, at 3.15pm.

Myself, Mrs Vigar and Mrs Williams have already identified children who we feel will need extra support over the transition period. However, if your child is at all anxious about the process, please contact their class teacher or speak to me directly on the playground.

Year 2 Transition Project

Over the coming weeks, Year 3 will have the exciting job of becoming a 'buddy' to a Year 2 child who will be joining the school in September – it seems only yesterday that your child was the Year 2 pupil joining us!

On **Thursday 25th June**, Year 3 will take Year 2 on a tour of the school. They will also share a break time with them.

We feel the project is as valuable to Year 3 as it is to Year 2 because it provides the Year 3 children with the opportunity to demonstrate responsibility and teamwork.



Year 3 Sports Morning

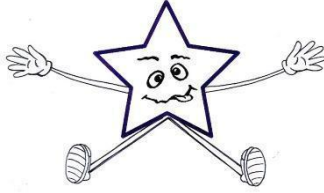
Monday 22nd June



On the morning of Monday 22nd June, your child will participate in a year group sports morning where children from different houses will compete against each other in a variety of sporting activities. Parents and carers will be invited into school to watch their child. More information will be provided in a separate newsletter.

Wristbands

Congratulations to those children who have been awarded with one of their STARS wristbands during the summer term so far. Year groups have focused on the value of 'stretch'.



This half term, the children will be able to earn any one of the wristbands each week.

Home Learning



Space
Race



Reading

I am exceptionally proud to inform you that every child in Year 3 has been able to meet every one of their reading homework milestones so far this year. As we head towards the final milestone of the year, please continue to support your child to make three entries into their Reading Diary each week.

Maths

We have noticed that there has been a small dip in participation in the year group's weekly maths home learning task. Please ensure that your child is playing 5 minutes on Time Tables Rock Stars every week. Having a secure understanding of times tables will open up many maths concepts to your child. Regular practise is proven to support time table understanding. Thank you for your support in this.

I wish all of the Year 3 children a very enjoyable and meaningful last half term.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Humphries

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Year 3 Leader.