

Spring Term – Welcome Back to Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school and wish you all a 'Happy New Year'. I hope that your child has had a well-earned rest and is now ready for some exciting learning! For the latest information please visit our school website www.lsj.org.uk class page – Year 3 under 'Classes'.

The Curriculum:

English:

In English we will first be finishing our work on The Snow Dragon by Vivien French. For the rest of this term our book is called Escape from Pompeii. Our book will have cross curricular links with our History topic on the Romans! The children will be writing their own story about escaping from Pompeii and will be writing a lot of non-fiction pieces about The Romans.

Maths:

In Maths we will be learning how to use written methods for multiplication and division and will be learning about money and statistics. In Year 3 we need to be able to recall our 3, 4 and 8 times tables off by heart so we will be doing a lot of practice with these too!

R.E: Our unit this half term is 'The Kingdom of God' and we will be learning about what Jesus taught of the Kingdom of God.

Science: We will be learning all about animals, including humans and their skeletons and nutrition.

History: In History we are learning all about the Romans through our English lessons.

ICT: In ICT we will be learning how to use the internet safely and appropriately, as well as using the internet for researching our topics. We will also try some coding!

Art: In art we will be creating Roman mosaics!

P.E: This term Year 3 have dance and P.E with Miss Williams and Mr Waldron on a Monday afternoon. Children are required to have their full P.E kits with them throughout the term. Year 3 will also be going swimming on a Friday afternoon so they will need to come into school with their swimming kits every Friday. The first swimming session is on the 11th January and the final session is on 22rd March. Please can you ensure that your child removes their earrings before school. Please return any swimming permission slips and medical forms as soon as possible.

Water Bottles

It is important for your child's well-being that he/she has access to fresh water (not juice) throughout the day. Please make sure a clearly marked bottle is provided, which will be taken home on Friday to enable you to clean for the following week.

Homework

It is very important that your child reads at home as much as possible. The 'Reading Record Diary' needs to be signed by an adult at least **3 times a week**. This will be checked on a Thursday and a stamp will be put into your child's diary. Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. English and Maths homework will **usually** be given out on a Tuesday and handed in on the following Monday.

If you ever have any concerns, questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak directly to us as soon as possible. It is vital that we work together to help your child have a happy and successful year in school. Mr Waldron is available in the mornings and Miss Connolly is available in the afternoons to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to speak to us at school, please ring and leave a message with the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Miss Connolly (Class Teacher)

Mr Waldron and Mrs Hamam (Teaching Assistants)