

# Amber Class Newsletter

## Summer Term

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a good Easter break and are ready for the summer term. This newsletter will give some information about the subjects and topics the children will be learning about this term, important dates coming up and helpful reminders.

### School Jumpers, water bottles and waterproof jackets

We have had a lot of lost jumpers this term and many are not named. Please make sure you have written your child's name into all of their clothes, so I can quickly reunite children with the many items of clothes I find at the end of the school day (especially on PE days).

Throughout the day the children drink a lot of water and if they forget their water bottle they often complain they are thirsty. I have a few cups they can borrow but it is much better if they have their own water bottle.

The weather is warming up, however we may still have some showers. Even if it is lovely and sunny in the morning please send in a **named** waterproof jacket. Unless it is pouring with rain we like to let the children outside at break times, as it is important for them to have fresh air and a run around.

### Trips

There are some exciting trips coming up for year 3. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our walk to the Hogsmill River at the end of last term because of the weather. When we have rearranged this I will send a note home with the children. The children are very excited about the trip to the Harry Potter Studios on **Thursday 16th May**. Please make sure all the forms have been returned for this trip. In the second half of the term we also have Sports Day to look forward to! More information about this will be sent out later in the term.

### Class Assembly

Year 3 would like to invite you to their class assembly on **Friday 24th May at 2.45** in the school hall. Please arrive at 2.40 for a prompt start.

### Homework

We will continue to send home a creative homework grid each half term and the children will need to complete one piece from this sheet once a fortnight (due dates will be on the grid). They **must** complete one of the entomology tasks, but other than that the children can choose which tasks they do.

In the other weeks there will be some tasks on Mathletics. If there are any problems with completing this for any reason, please ask your child to speak to me in good time so that we can help resolve any issues.

I have been impressed with the standard of some of the homework that has come in over the last term. I continue to be very grateful for your support and if you can ensure that your child takes their time, puts in an appropriate amount of effort and presents their work neatly it would be very much appreciated. If anyone needs any help at all with resources or ideas, please speak to me at any time. Anyone who does not hand their homework in on time will stay in at lunch time to complete it.

To give the children the opportunity to complete their home learning at school, we run a home learning club every lunchtime in 'The Hub'. Please encourage your child to attend if they struggle to complete their home learning.

### Reading

The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes EVERY day. The children must record this in the reading record page in the contact books. Please listen to them read at least once a week and sign the contact book. By doing this you will help them improve their reading and achieve stickers on the reading incentive. Children who do not read every day will be asked to do that reading during their lunch break.

To support one of our key focuses as a school (**the understanding of vocabulary**), please make sure your child has access to a dictionary, ipad or computer to look up words they do not understand whilst they are reading (or encourage them to ask you the definition of unknown words).

### **Contact books**

The children need to bring their contact books into school every day. These will be signed on a weekly basis in school and we would appreciate it if you could do the same at home. Just a quick signature is all we need. If you have any messages, please use this book (or a separate letter if confidential). I am encouraging the children to write reminders in their contact book such as when they have PE the next day or when homework is due. This is to help them become more independent.

### **Computing**

This half term, the children will be starting to look at coding. We will be using the programme 'Scratch'. The children will all have logins, so they can access it at home too.

### **Swimming & P.E.**

Swimming sessions start this term and year 3's will be on a **Monday morning**. Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit (swimwear, goggles, swim hat and a towel, plus a hairbrush if needed) with them that day. Don't forget to also pack underwear if they put their swimwear on in the morning!

The other PE lesson will be on Wednesdays Your child should have a full, named PE kit in school at all times (please remember to send the kit back in if your child attends a sports club after school during the week). Please include plimsolls/trainers as all sessions will be outdoors (weather permitting) - trainers are better if possible as plimsolls do not grip as well outdoors, especially if the ground is damp. Over the course of the term, the children will be developing their skills in athletics.

### **R.E.**

Our focus for R.E. for this half term will be looking at the questions 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and 'How do people try to make the world a better place?'

### **Cornerstones**

Our Cornerstones topics for this term will be 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' and 'Urban Pioneers'. In the first half term the children will be learning about healthy living and at the end of the topic will make healthy smoothies they have designed. In the second half term the children will be studying the local area.

### **Science**

In science this half term we are going to be learning all about light. They will learn about how we see objects, the way in which different objects reflect different amounts of light and how these ideas can be applied to staying safe at night. After half term, we will be learning about plants and have a go at growing some of our own.

### **PSHE**

Our first topic in PSHE is relationships. The children will be talking about being a good friend and how to resolve conflicts if they occur.

### **French**

The children will continue to learn French this term. We will focus on simple conversational phrases such as 'my name is' and the children will learn how to say how they are feeling.

### **Art**

Year 3 will be working on their sketching and drawing skills this term. They will begin by drawing fruit and vegetables.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Kearns

CLASS MOTTO: I can't do it yet but I'll practise until I can.

