

Ladysmith Junior School

Year 3 Learning Letter

Autumn First Half Term 2019

The Year 3 team would like to welcome you all to the new school year and the Junior School. Every half term we will be sending out a learning letter that will give you an overview of the topics and objectives that we will be covering in school. Please use this information to support your child at home with their learning. If you require any further details about the curriculum please contact your child's teacher.

PE is on the following days for Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday for 3NW. Wednesday and Thursday for 3CH and Thursday and Friday for 3NW. If possible, please could you also send in an old t-shirt or shirt for the children to paint in? Thank you.

Each week, the children will need to learn their weekly spellings, which will be stuck in their homework books and available on spelling shed, and their times tables. On a Friday, they will be tested on either. If the children achieve 20 or more in their times tables they move onto the next table. They will have 3 minutes to achieve this to ensure they are learning the tables as quickly as possible.

What we have planned for the Autumn Term

Our topic this term will be:
The Stone Age

The Big Question
Surviving the Stoneage

Year 3 will be taking a giant leap back in time to the earliest people to roam the earth. We will investigate how they gathered food, hunted and built shelters with the materials they could find. Through DT and Art, we will discover and create our own Stone Age tools, take part in an archaeological dig and begin to understand chronology.

Memorable and inspiring moments, including planned trips and visits:

- Trip to the RAMM museum
- Creating stone age tools
- Trip to Stonehenge
- Standing on eggs (part of our '25 Things to do in Year 3' challenge)
- Create watercolour silhouettes
- Make a salt dough Stonehenge

Key learning in reading:

- Read on a daily basis to, and with, an adult
- Begin to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes as often as possible
- Record reading in reading records to be signed at home once a week (these will be checked on a Friday)

Key learning in writing:

- Revise and review different word classes
- Write stories using repeating patterns
- Becoming increasingly accurate with sentence capitalisation and demarcation
- To develop use of noun phrases
- To begin to develop joined handwriting

Key learning in maths:

- Place Value
 - Understanding the value in a three digit number
 - Find 1 more and less, 10 more and less and 100 more and less than a number
 - Compare numbers to 1000
 - Add and subtract number mentally
 - Solve problems including missing number problems

Key learning in other subjects:

- PE – Gymnastics and Dance
- Music – Djembe Drumming
- Science – Rockstars!
- ICT – Digital Literacy
- Art/DT – Use of watercolour – Colour mixing and shades, sculpture using clay

How you can help your child with their learning:

- Listen to your child read and discuss the text and record this in your child's reading journal at least once per week. Children should be recording their reading daily.
- Encourage and support your children in completing accelerated reader quizzes to support their developing comprehension.
- Support your child to be able to recall times tables and related division facts quickly
- Encourage neat, joined handwriting using the cursive style below. Perhaps during spelling practice they could write the words into sentences

Throughout the term, if you have any questions or queries, please do come and see us. At the end of the term, there will be an opportunity to come in and have a look at your child's books and other work in our open afternoon.

We would also like to invite you in on Monday 23rd September to be part of a Literacy lesson. This will be aimed at supporting you in your child's learning at home as well as some of the strategies we use in class with them.

We look forward to seeing you all soon

Best wishes,

Mr Williams, Miss Hartland and Mr Parish,