



# Y3 Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

*'Inspiring lives, shaping futures, creating possibilities'*

Many thanks to everyone for your support over the first term. We feel it has been a very successful time and have enjoyed celebrating the successes with the children, especially the recent Christmas performance. We have already started our new, exciting topic, Buildings and we are really looking forward to this half term.

We will begin by looking at some of the most famous and fantastic buildings from around the world as it is today. We will then use this to compare the similarities and differences throughout the ages. We will discover how the earliest people in Britain were hunter-gatherers, who moved around and made homes where they could. We will find out when the first permanent buildings began to appear and how they developed over the centuries. We will explore the materials that were used and study some of the designs. We will look at the rise and fall of Roman buildings as Romans invaded, settled and then left Britain. We will see that after the Romans left Britain, their buildings fell into decline and most buildings for centuries after that were farm based. We will piece together evidence by looking at a range of sources of evidence.

We will look at the changes in buildings in our own locality since CE1066.

We will study some of the amazing buildings of ancient civilisations such as the ziggurat temples of the Ancient Sumer (which the architects of the M15 building were inspired by), the palace cities of the Shang Dynasty, the Pyramids of the Ancient Egyptians, the Acropolis and Olympia of Ancient Greece, the 'Round City' of Ancient Baghdad, the Mayan temples and many other buildings.

## **Books**

As detailed earlier in the year, this term's focused text is **Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura**. We will begin learning from this during this week, so if any pupils own their own copies, it would be appreciated if they could be brought into school.

## **Home Learning**

A huge thanks for all the support given to pupils at home in completing reading diaries, using Times Tables Rock Stars and creating topic projects. We value the work done at home to support learning very highly and will be continuing to set project home learning this term. Please see the separate letter about the home learning projects for this half term.

## General reminders

### Uniform

Children are looking very smart in their purple uniforms. Please can we remind you that as well as grey trousers/skirts, white blouses/shirts/polo shirts and purple jumpers/cardigans, pupils should be attending school in **black shoes/boots**. Also, as the weather can be very cold and change suddenly on some days, all children **MUST bring a coat to school**.

### PE Kit Reminder

Can you please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school all week. The correct indoor PE consists of black shorts/leggings, white t-shirt and pumps. During the winter months, we will continue to have our outdoor PE lessons whenever possible. Therefore, **please provide your child with a suitable outdoor kit (black jogging bottoms and a track suit top) and some trainers**. Also make sure that if your child has long hair, they come to school with it tied up or they have a bobble in their PE bag. Please also make sure that if your child wears earrings, they are able to remove them. Thank you for supporting us in developing good routines in school.

### Water

We encourage our children to drink water throughout the day and they are allowed to have 'sports type' water bottles in the classroom. We would be grateful if you could provide your child with one of these bottles which they can then fill from the chilled water machines in school. For health and hygiene reasons, please encourage your child to bring this home on a daily basis to be washed ready for use the next day. Any bottles that are left at the end of the week will be disposed of.

Finally, we would like to invite parents to come into school with the children on Friday mornings, at 8:40am – 9am, starting 18<sup>th</sup> January. During this time, the children will be completing a morning activity called Free Writing Friday. Children are given a different picture each week as inspiration for their writing and are encouraged to write creatively based on this. We would love it if you would join us on Friday mornings to write collaboratively with your child.

Once again, we'd like to thank you for all your support and to wish you a Happy New Year from all of us!

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