

CLASS 3

Dear Parents,

September 2018

Welcome back to a new school year, we hope you have had a lovely summer holiday. The children are settling well into their new class and we are looking forward to another exciting year.

As you know, this term we are going to be making an exciting journey to over the ocean to Lundy Island, where we will learning about not only it's ecology, but also the Island's historical influences over the last 3000 years. Our trip to Lundy will hopefully inspire some wonderful poetry and also help us to think about how to write persuasively in order to influence people's opinions.



In Science we will be learning about living things and their habitats as well as developing geographical skills through using maps and atlases. Monet and Turner are some of the artists whose work we are going to be studying. We will be looking at different artistic techniques and styles and then using what we have learnt to create our own ocean paintings. In Music we are going to be having fun exploring rhythmic patterns and creating our own sea shanties, which we will hope to share with you at the end of the term!

This term in Computing we will be using Digimap on the iPads as well as continuing to develop our word processing skills using MS Word and also creating photo stories using PowerPoint. If you are able to spend some time with your child using MS Word, practicing basic word processing skills, that would be very helpful. They should begin to know how to open and save files, type simple sentences using a keyboard, change the size and font of text and how to carry out a spell check. Please let us know how you get on!

School Trip

As you know we will be sailing to Lundy on Tuesday 25th September and you should have all received a letter and permission slip regarding this trip. Please can you make sure that you return this slip to the office ASAP (if you have not already done so). Thank you.



Homework

Homework will go out on Wednesdays and children will be asked to complete a piece of work which will be related to something we have been learning about in class. Please can this then be handed in on the following Monday. If your child is finding anything about their homework difficult, then please let us know.

Reading

Please can you make sure that you listen to your children read as often as you can and write in their reading record as to how you feel they are getting on. Writing in their reading record will help us to monitor your child's reading. If your child is no longer on the reading scheme (a developing reader), it is still important to talk to them about what they are reading and to encourage a wide range of genres and text. Please remind your child to continue to complete a reading activity when they have finished a book. These can be completed in their homework book.



Can you also make sure that your child brings in their reading record and reading book every day. If you haven't received a Reading Activity pack yet can you come and see us. In here you will find examples of questions you could ask them about the books they are reading.

Spellings

We will be sending home spellings to learn at the beginning of every half term. Please can you practise these with your child regularly to compliment the work done at school. Your support with these is essential and will really help. Children will be tested on these spellings at the end of each half term. Strategies that can be used to help your child learn to spell words will be sent home with the homework.

PE

Can you please make sure that your child has a full named PE kit in school all week. The children may continue to do PE outside this term, so it is important they have the appropriate kit. For example, t-shirts and jumpers or hoodies, shorts and leggings or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.



Fruit Break

Children will need to bring in a piece of fruit every day, they can put this in their trays or keep it in their bag. Can you also make sure that your child brings in a named drinks container every day with fresh water. We will remind the children to bring these home at the end of the day so that they can be washed and refilled.



If you would like to ask anything or you have something to discuss then please feel free to come in and see us.

Regards,

Natalie Mannell and Rebecca Bennett.