Term 2 Newsletter Wildcat Class

Dear Families,

We hope you had a lovely half term. The children have already had a great start to Term 2, showing a positive attitude to learning, which has been fantastic! Should you have any questions or worries, feel free to catch us on the door at any point. For longer conversations, please do send an email to info@somerdaleet.org.uk and we can arrange a time to meet.

The Year Three Team:

Tiarna Lloyd	Beth Baker	Claire Cox	Tracey Sealey
Class Teacher	Class Teacher	Learning Support Assistant	Learning Support Assistant
Mon, Tues & Wed	*Thurs, Fri*	*Mon – Fri*	*Mon, Tues, Wed*

Enquiry Questions this term:

This term we have two main enquiry questions, one with a history focus and the other with a science focus.
As Historians we will be exploring: "Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?"

As Scientists we will be exploring: "How well do different colours and materials reflect in a cave?"

Rights Respecting Schools

This term we will focus in particular at this right:

Article 2– No discrimination
Article 12 – Respect for children's views

We be looking at impact of plastic on the environment, as part of Learn Together.

Within PSHE, we will recognise different family structures and discuss healthy family relationships that can provide positive support networks.

Teaching and Learning This Term

This term, our class text for English is 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and our class book is 'The Stone Age Clash' by Josh Lacey.

During Maths, we will continue with addition and subtraction, and we will then move on to multiplication and division.

In Art, we will be using charcoal to create stone age artwork.
In PE, will be be exploring Yoga and Basketball.

Please see our medium term overview for more information:
Please click here to view the overview for this term. (Y3)

Home Learning

Reading

It is our recommendation that children should be reading daily where possible. The expectation is that children read **a minimum of 4 times a week**. Please ensure you record when your child reads, in their reading records. Children who have read 4x or more will receive a golden ticket, meaning they can be in the draw to win a new book!

Please note, our Accelerated Reader scheme is now up and running. The children are expected to complete a comprehension quiz in school via AR, every time they complete a book. The children have also recently completed a Star Reader Assessment, which means their ZPD range may be slightly different this term, giving a more precise range, now the system has more data to go by.

Spelling

Spelling quizzes this term will continue to be on Fridays. The spelling lists are stuck into their spelling journals. Please ensure your child brings their spelling journal in every day, and takes them home every day to practice.

If your child is in a bespoke spelling group, they will only be quizzed on the bespoke spellings only.

To support the learning of spellings, your child may like to use Spelling Shed as they can play the games that relate to their weekly spellings:
Spelling Shed Home Use (For weekly spellings including interactive games)
Access Letter Join at home to practice letter formation and spelling. Available on desktop, laptop and tablet.

Maths

Children are expected to practise key number facts at home regularly.

Until Christmas, we will continue with Number Sense to ensure all children are secure with their addition and subtraction facts.

After Christmas, we will then move onto learning times tables and the expectation will be that children also practise their times tables at home. In Year 3 we learn 36 facts, in. Year 4 we learn 21 more facts.

Year 3: 2x, 5x and 3x.
Year 4: 4x, 6x, 8x, 7x, 9x, 11x, 12x

TTRS for Key Stage 2
In upper key stage 2, children should continue to practise these facts to help with automaticity.
Your child has a log-in for Times Table Rock Stars so that they can practise their time tables at home.

The White Rose 1-minute maths app can also be used to practise number facts at home. https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths

White Rose also have videos relating to the main Maths teaching. These can help you to see the methods that are being taught, or can be used as additional practice. They also have downloadable workbooks that can be used at home.
Year 3

Free Downloadable Workbooks for Year 1 – 6

Busy Things also have some good games for times table recall practice, particularly miner birds.

Other important information/notes for the time ahead

Class Page
You can access information, long term and medium term overviews as well as other resources on the class page on our website.

Reading Records
Please date and sign yellow reading record when your child reads at home. Children reading 4 times or more get a golden ticket for a chance to win a book.

School Clothing Guidance
Please see the page on our website for more information on appeopiate clothing for school.

Library Day
Our Library Day is on Fridays.

Please ensure your child has their book on these days. Automated emails are sent for overdue books. If you feel a book may be lost or damaged in your care, we ask for a donation to cover the cost of replacement.

PE Day
Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

Please ensure your child is wearing a loose-fitting top and shorts/jogging bottoms which allow them full movement of their bodies. Children should also wear suitable footwear such as trainers. Ear studs should be removed or covered with medical tape for health and safety purposes.

Class Assembly Date
Keep the date in your diary! Our class assembly for this academic year is on:

Year 3: Monday 15th March, 2027

Please read the whole school newsletters regularly as they include other important dates.

What does my child need to bring into school every day?

- Bookbag with reading record and reading book inside. (Bookbags are then put into children's drawers. If you need a replacement bookbag, contact the office for the price.)
- Filled Water Bottle
- For Year 3 - 6, a piece of fruit or vegetable
- Library book on library days

Healthy Snacks for Playtime

In the Early Years and Key Stage One, the children are provided with a free piece of fruit or vegetable via the Government scheme.

In Key Stage Two, children need to bring a piece of healthy snack for breaktime. This should be a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Ultra processed snacks are high in sugar, even those that are advertised as '1 of your 5 a day'. NHS advice states children aged 7-10 should have no more than 24g of free sugars a day. Due to the processing, reconstituting and reblending of ingredients to create fruit winders, these snacks contain high amounts of free sugars.
For example, Bear Fruit Yoyo, strawberry contains 8g of sugar. This equates to one third of the recommended daily allowance.
For this reason, with consideration to Article 24 (children have the right to healthy food) we ask that these are not brought to school as they are not considered a healthy snack due to the high sugar content. It also creates littering problems with the excess packaging.

School Trips

As well as some local walks, in Year Three we have two main school trips planned. The first of which will be in Term 3 where the children will visit the Bristol Museum with Tiarna, to support their learning about the Egyptians.

In Term 6, the children will visit Weston-Super-Mare via the train, as part of their Geography and PSHE learning. We will confirm dates and costs nearer the time. Last year the cost of the museum trip was under £20, and the cost of the trip to Weston-Super-Mare was less than £5.

Dates for these trips will be sent out nearer the time.