



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your family have had a fabulous Easter break and that you have managed to recharge your batteries ready for the Summer Term! We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and are very excited about the brilliant activities that we have planned this term. We know that the children will continue to have fun, work hard and make us all proud!

English



Our English work this term will include work on:

- Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation
- Instruction Writing
- Responding to the text, '*The Egyptian Cinderella*'
- Narrative, including character and setting descriptions.

Children will also be continuing to develop knowledge and skills in speaking and listening, spelling and spelling rules, reading comprehension and how to respond to different texts.

Maths

In Maths the children will work on activities to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding, concentrating on:

- ◆ Geometry: properties of shape
- ◆ Measurement
- ◆ Statistics
- ◆ Problem Solving
- ◆ Learning our times tables and practising quick recall of the facts
- ◆ Revision of all the Year 3 objectives



Science

This term, Year 3 will study 'Plants- Growth and Life Cycles' and 'Rocks and Fossils.'

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- ❖ Energy
- ❖ Choices
- ❖ Special Places
- ❖ Other Religions: Islam



Local Heritage Study

The children will learn about Kenton Quarry, Grey Street and The Grainger Market and will be going on two educational visits to these places.

History

We will be studying the ancient Egyptians and will link our work in History to English by writing a set of instructions on how to mummify a pharaoh. The children will be visiting Durham Oriental Museum to take part in an Egyptian inspired workshop.

Design Technology

The children will follow a design process to create a design then make party hats for another child to wear.

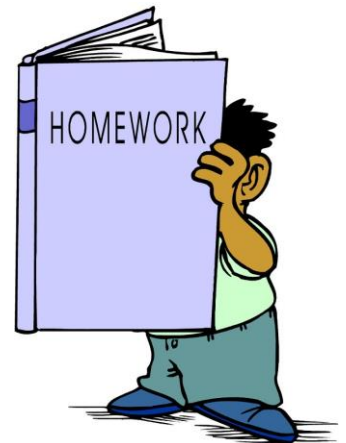
Notices

PE will be on a Friday this half term - Please ensure that children come to school on Fridays wearing a complete PE kit (including outdoor trainers) with each item clearly labelled with their name. POLITE REMINDER: Can any children who wear earrings please remove them for PE or have their own plasters ready to cover their ears for our PE lessons. This really saves on time before the session. Thank you!



Homework

- ◆ **Spelling** tests will remain on a **Tuesday** and **Times Table** tests on a **Wednesday**.
- ◆ **Times Tables** - By the end of Year 3, the children should know their 2s, 5s & 10s (learnt in Y2) and their 3s, 4s and 8s. This is important as the children will sit a statutory times table test in Year 4. In the Summer term the emphasis is more on the **speed** of the recall. The children can access **Time Table Rock Stars** to help them. We will also start to look at other times tables in preparation for Year 4.
- ◆ **Reading** – Please listen to your child read and complete the comment book. This needn't be time-consuming, simply listening to them read for 10 minutes a night and asking questions about what they have read will be invaluable as your child strives to improve their skills in reading. This does not always need to be your child's reading book – personal books can be included too. We also appreciate your comments in your child's reading record as you hear them read as this helps us to keep track of their reading and identify strengths and areas for improvement. Please ensure there is a minimum of one comment by an adult in your child's reading record book each week. Record books are checked each Tuesday.
- ◆ **Reading Plus/Eggs** – Children are expected to complete 30 minutes of Reading Eggs/Eggspress at home each week.
- ◆ **EdShed**- Children can practise their spellings and play games using this programme. New spellings are updated each Tuesday.



As already discussed, any children who need support to complete homework activities will be given the opportunity to do this in school time.



Jewellery

Just a polite reminder that earrings should be small, simple studs with only one per ear. No bracelets or bangles to be worn in school. For hair accessories, only small hair ties are permitted. Finally, longer hair needs to be tied back out of the child's eyes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me by Email or you can ring the school office to make an appointment for a chat over the phone.

I am more than happy to explain anything you are unsure about and answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mrs Hacking and Year 3 staff