

Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break. We are pleased to see that the children seem refreshed and ready to learn!

We have started a new topic in English, looking at a book called 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by science writer Meredith Hooper. It has taken the whole week to get through the story as there was plenty of new vocabulary for us to learn. Learning these new words tied into our DERIC lessons where we were using different methods to explain their meanings. This is in preparation to write a diary entry from the pebble's point of view.

In Maths this week, we have been working with money - talking about the value of each coin and note, converting pence to pounds and vice versa and adding amounts together by partitioning into pounds and pence to help us. Next week, we will be moving onto working out change using the bar model.

To wrap up our Geography topic, we 'erupted' our volcanoes and carried on sharing our pupil research homework. We have launched our new topic in History on the Roman Empire, sharing facts we already know and coming up with questions we would like to investigate.

☺ The Year 3 Team

Homework

English: We would like the children to consolidate their understanding of adding the prefix *-ly* and spelling words ending in *-sure* and *-ture*. The children should answer the questions on the sheet and then stick it into their English Homework books.

Spelling: This week we have been practising the spelling patterns of *-ly*, *-less*, *-ness* and *-ment*. This week's homework will focus on *-ly* endings.

Reading: Please help us by encouraging your child to record what they are reading *each* day. All children have been reminded, recently, of expectations for completing the reading diaries. Please purchase a new one from the office if your child has lost theirs. Thank you for your support ☺



Date Reminders

Forth-coming trip dates:
Gatton Park Tuesday 30th April
– Elm
Gatton Park Tuesday 7th May –
Beech & Rowan
Chessington Zoo Thursday 20th
June

Announcements

We are pleased to welcome to the Year 3 team Miss Kate Symmonds who will be working across the three classes during her apprenticeship.

Mrs Ash has now started her teaching practice at Fern Hill in Year 2. We wish them both every success!

Year 3 Spellings Spring 2019

These are the spellings that you need to learn each week. The following week, you will be tested on them **plus** another three 'have a go' words that follow the same rule or pattern. This means that you also need to gather and practise other words. Where 10 words are given, these are the only ones which will be tested. Make sure that you understand what the words mean and always practise using them in full sentences.

Learn w/c 25 th Feb Tested w/c 4 th Mar <i>Suffixes - less -ly</i>	Learn w/c 4 th Mar Tested w/c 11 th Mar <i>Yr3-4 statutory list</i>	Learn w/c 11 th Mar Tested w/c 18 th Mar <i>Prefixes: super- /auto-</i>	Learn w/c 18 th Mar Tested w/c 25 th Mar <i>Yr3-4 statutory list</i>	Learn w/c 25 th Mar Tested w/c 1 st Apr <i>Homophones</i>	w/c 1 st Apr <i>Please recap words that you still find challen ging.</i>
thoughtless merciless fearlessly carelessly suddenly roughly angrily	exercise exciting experience experiment extreme forward grammar group guard heart	autograph autonomy autopilot autobiography supernatural superficial superimpose	guide history imagine increase important island knowledge length library material	meat meet knot not heal heel mail male peace piece	