

# Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English, we started the week by creating our own rambling isle. Ideas were generated for its geographical features and conspicuous landmarks, as well as its specific location in the sea. We let a clip of David Attenborough telling us about Richmond Park inspire us about how to use the formal, yet highly engaging language needed. We have then drafted, edited and published our own 'Tour guides' for anyone wishing to explore the 'Novae Seawiggus', learning to make sure that the information for each paragraph is organised in a varied way to provide an interesting read. Our work on *Oliver and the Seawigs* will then reach its finale in a D&T morning on Monday next week (see announcement section).

In Maths, we have got to the bottom of how to use a calendar, why we have a leap year and why this only occurs every four years. We have also calculated duration between days and months before beginning the journey towards mastering telling the time to the nearest minute on all types of clocks (including ones with Roman numerals) via estimating time if not all hands are available and reasoning around what time it could be should only parts of the clock face be visible.

☺ The Year 3 Team

## Homework

**Maths:** Mathletics: *Using a calendar* and *Tell time to the half hour*

**Spelling:** enough, tough, young, trouble, country/countries, courage, southern

**Phonics group:** measure, pleasure, television, confusion, collage, barrage, leisure

**Reading:** Please continue to hear your child read and to encourage them to record what they read in their diaries; please note that anything they read can be written down. As we are currently studying non-chronological reports, perhaps listen to your child read some information texts. How is this type of writing different to story?

### Change to homework format:

We have launched a new home learning initiative! Year 3's Home Learning Grid is posted on our year group page on the school website here: <https://www.fernhill.kingston.sch.uk/year3>



## Date Reminders

Country Dancing Festival for those selected - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Please return permission slips asap).

## Announcement/Reminder

Due to the cancellation of the trip to Chessington Zoo, we are having a DT morning on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**.

We will be making 'sea-wigs' (ask your child!) from 'bits and bobs' of material (e.g. pipe cleaners, feathers, straws etc). We may also use SMALL empty containers to build height/layers.

If you have anything at home which you think might be suitable, please ask your child to bring this in on the Monday morning.