



Puffins Class - Year 3

Summer 2018

April 2018

Dear parents and pufflings,

Welcome back to the new Summer term. I hope you've all had a fabulous Easter break and are refreshed, ready for the new learning ahead, including our new and exciting topic – **BEING HEALTHY IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE...** We will start to consider key questions such as:

- How can we keep happy and healthy?
 - Does Devon need a doctor?
- What have we done? What can we do?

To get the most out of our local studies topic, we have lots of opportunities for outdoor learning, including a coastal walk from Lee to Woolacombe. More details will follow.

We ♥ Literacy!

We will kick-start the term with some **KENNING** poetry inspired by '10 a day', which is a message we actively talk about in class to help us to be happy and healthy. To develop our understanding, we will immerse ourselves in the language of being healthy as human beings and then we will use and apply our knowledge to the local environment. Our writing skills will be broadened to apply precise and scientific vocabulary discussed and generated in class, coupled with extending our punctuation choices to add meaning and effect for the reader. Please take a look at the class display and School Literacy webpage for useful tips and ideas to help support your child at home for more details of the term curriculum. Please look on the class web page for more examples of inspiration.



We are continuing to build on our reading skills: retrieval, inference and interpretation (evaluation) in our daily whole class guided reading sessions. We will be sharing more texts, and **NEW** for this term will be non-fiction texts, linked to our new writing focuses – poetry, recounts and information texts.

Confident readers are those that read regularly, so remember to read at least 5 times a week to help boost your child's knowledge of the world around them – local and a far. If you are looking at new books to engage and excite your reading at home, please feel free to borrow a book from the School Library or Class 3 Book Corner. Alternatively, click on <http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> to be inspired. Also, for your child to be entered into the Class Reading Raffle, remember to update the red reading diary to show new vocabulary, pages and chapters.

Marvellous maths!

This term will be practising our understanding of maths symbols (+, -, x, ÷, <, > and =), vocabulary (less than, more than and dividing) and applying our calculating skills with a real context, linked to topic. We will be revisiting Number Sense, Additive Reasoning and Multiplicative Reasoning, but new maths learning will be fractions and measurement. Remember to keep looking at the class webpage for examples of learning, videos and helpful hints.

Summer P.E. – let's get ready for Sports Day...

P.E. will continue to be on **Wednesday and Friday** each week. To ensure that we get the maximum enjoyment and learning from our activities, plus we are playing safely, ensure that your child has ALL the correct P.E. kit for each session with their kits in class EVERY MONDAY. A kit letter was emailed last term, but please ask me with any specific questions. The term will commence with dance with Miss Hester, tennis and Kwik Cricket, followed by athletics on the meadow.

Getting ready for the summer term:

- PE kit (named).
- Warm water-proof coat (named) – in case it rains! This must be in school every day.
- School water bottle to keep hydrated – available to purchase online from the school website.
- Sensible shoes – please practise tying shoe laces to help independence.
- Complete school uniform – no frayed cuffs on school sweatshirts or cardigans.
- Apply a quality sun-cream before school to ensure that skin is protected. The ONCE brands are good.
- Red reading/contact diary – EVERY DAY for us to add comments about learning.
- Healthy snacks for breaktime – no crisps, chocolate bars or croissants! We are aiming to stop litter in our school and breaktime snacks are a major contributor. Moreover, we want to reduce single-use plastics.

Home learning update:

Maths home learning will be organised up to four times each week to practise the learning and skills in class AND topic-related tasks will be sent home every Friday in the purple home learning books, which includes spelling, grammar and opportunities for writing. Hand-in day will be on the following Wednesday. It will be either marked by me, the children or each other to celebrate learning and understanding.

Class expectations and keeping in touch with important dates and exciting activities:

There is a **parents' notice board** in the cloakroom area and there is also an open-door policy from 8:40am. However, it's essential that the children are ready for their learning by the second bell at 8:50am, when the learning will commence promptly. A gentle reminder that children are expected to wear no hair products or fancy hair accessories or nail varnish. Long hair needs to be neatly tied back and sensible shoes are a must – especially for our Daily Physical Activity (DPA) activities. Also, they will need to have their Woolacombe School water bottle in class – only water. If you need a new one, they cost £1 and can be purchased online.

Upcoming dates and information – please continue to look at the calendar on the school website, as these are likely to change.

- 17th April – deadline for after school clubs, e.g. Recorder Club
- 24th April – Mrs Recycle Arts Project – please bring clean plastic milk bottle tops for the project
- 7th May – May Bank Holiday
- 10th May – Class Photos – please look super smart!
- 21st May – Sex and Relationships learning focus – separate details will follow via email
- 25th May – Half Term ends
- 8th June – Barton Hall residential
- 14th June – KS2 Tarrington aquathlon - invitations will follow for individuals
- 28th June – Beaford Arts Trail Exhibition
- 2nd July – Professional (INSET) day
- 4th July – SPORTS DAYS (reserve day 5th July)
- 7th July – PTFA Summer Fayre on the meadow
- 24th July – Summer Term ends

Thank you for your continued support and let's make this term FANTASTIC!

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