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Year 3 Owls Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. Your children have already made a start in their first year into Key Stage 2 so they will have already made you aware of some of the changes they've encountered.

This letter is to inform you of the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through during their first term this year.

Core Subjects (English, Mathematics and Science)

The main topics are:

English – Stories with historical settings, Non-chronological reports, Instructions, Advertisements and using Thesauruses & Dictionaries.

Mathematics – Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Measurement, Properties of Shape and Statistics

Science – Rocks and Fossils, Forces and Magnets.

Class Topics

The main class topics we will be covering this term are:

- The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age
- The Bible. Jewish Hanukkah. Day of the Dead (R.E.)
- The Christmas Story (R.E.)

We would love to be able to borrow any artefacts linked to these topic areas. All items brought into school will be looked after and returned safely – but please name them! PLEASE talk to your child about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age; look at web pages and borrow books from the library. It would be lovely if your child could jot down a few important details on a piece of paper and bring this into school to share.

Homework

Homework is given as an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to

complete their home activities, supporting them as needed. Just to remind you that homework in Year 3 Owls involves reading; children should read daily. Please record this in the reading record. Spelling and times table homework will be given out on a Tuesday and there will be a spelling and times table test on the Monday. Please support your child in practising these each day if possible.

On Wednesdays, children will be given either a piece of Maths or English homework. This will need to be completed by the following Tuesday.

P.E.

P.E. for Year 3 Owls is on Tuesday and Thursday. In the second half of the Autumn Term, children will be swimming on a Friday morning. A full P.E. kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should be kept in school at all times. Long hair must be tied back. Children must wear trainers for outside P.E. and tracksuit tops and bottoms, if the weather is cold. If the weather is wet, the children wear their plimsolls in the classroom too, so please make sure that your child has a pair that fit well. Please write names in everything! Earrings should be taken out or covered with plasters or micropore tape for PE. Please remove your child's earrings on P.E. day, if not possible.

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead with your children.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H. Baker
Year 3 Owls Class Teacher