

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 1



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Our wonderful team of adults are here to help you with your learning this year. If there is anything you need to ask, please send us an email or catch us at the end of the school day.

Jaguars (3MC) are taught by Miss Courtney m.courtney@portsdown.portsmouth.sch.uk and Leopards (3CT) are taught by Ms Thomas. c.thomas@portsdown.portsmouth.sch.uk



Ms Thomas



Miss Courtney

Welcome to Year 3!

We are very excited to welcome you all back to school as we have lots of exciting things planned! In this newsletter, you will find out more about all the things we will be learning about this term.

Our other adults in Year 3 are:
(3CT) Mrs Child



(3MC) Mrs Jones and Ms Fegan



Diary Dates

Look out for further information about a Farm Visit in October.

Spellings

Can you remember your tricky words from Year 2? Here are some you might want to try at home:

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| after | child | every |
| again | children | everybody |
| any | Christmas | eye |
| bath | class | fast |

Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!

In PSHE, we will be thinking about 'Dreams and Goals' and how to overcome obstacles. We will spend time talking about our Class Charter so we can make sure our class is a great place to be and learn in.

Can you remember our class rules from the charter we created and tell your adult?

In RE, we will be learning about the celebration Diwali and why it is special to Hindus.

Can you tell your adult what you have learnt about Diwali so far?

English

As writers this half term, we will be reading traditional fables and founding tales, like 'The boy who cried wolf' and 'The lion and the mouse'. Then, we will be reading as a class 'The Greenling' and using this book to practise our amazing writing skills, including basic sentence punctuation and simple story openers.

Can you tell your adult what a traditional fable story is?

Science

As scientists, we will be investigating rocks and fossils. We will be learning about the 3 main different types of rock and how they are formed. We will also learn how rocks are formed.

Can you tell your adult what a fossil is?

Spanish

We will be learning simple 'getting to know you' greetings, numbers up to 10 and colours.

History

We will be investigating the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in chronological order and comparing them.

Art

As artists this half term, we will be investigating Georgia O'Keefe and painting our own picture in her style.

Maths

We will be revisiting place value from Year 2 and then extending our knowledge with numbers up to three digits. We will also revisit our knowledge of addition and subtraction and practise using number lines. We will then look at applying this through different problems. This year, we will become fluent in our 3, 4, and 8 times tables and to do this, we will need to practise every day.

Ask your adult to quiz you on your 2x, 5x and 10x tables from year 2.

Music

In music, we will be creating compositions in response to an animation (Theme being Mountains)

IT

We will be learning how to keep safe online and discussing how to do this at home and at school.

PE Kits

Please ensure you have your PE kits in school on **Tuesdays**. You will need: a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. When the weather gets cooler, the children can bring a plain black or grey tracksuit.