

Upper 3

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the christmas break. Nicky Guthrie is the teacher of Upper 3 whilst Jamie is on teaching practice. She will be back after February half term.

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.

What will we be doing in school?

What you could do together at home...

Science

The topic this term is Electricity. Talking about the dangers of electricity, appliances which use electricity and making circuits.

You could talk to your child about how to keep safe when using electricity, e.g. using dry hands, not poking fingers in sockets. You could point out different electrical appliances at home, appliances or items that use batteries. Talk about how electricity travels through pylons etc.

Literacy

We are focusing on Shakespeare. Learning about the different plays he wrote, identifying and trying to understand the language he used!

It would be great if you could ask them about Shakespeare. Talk to them about the different plays, maybe even watch a version of one of the films such as Romeo and Juliet or Gnomio and Juliet.

Humanities

We are learning about castles. Learning the names of different parts of the castle, why they are built in particular places, who lives there and how to defend them.

It would be good to watch any TV programmes about castles, or talk about a time you have visited them. Discuss the importance of the moat and of them being built on high ground.

PSHE

Rules and consequences. Initially rules which affect them at home and school and then moving onto the law and what the consequences are of breaking the law.

Encourage your child to talk about any rules at home. Discuss why it is important to have rules and consequences - to help people learn right from wrong.

Maths

Properties of triangles and quadrilaterals. Finding the area and perimeter of shapes. Using nets to make 3D shapes. .

Point out different shapes around the home and whilst you are out and about. Ask questions about size and volume, such as which cup can hold more.

We have attached our weekly timetable for you. Please note:



Swimming - every Friday for the first half term

Please send your child into school every Thursday with:

- swimming trunks
- a towel
- shower gel/shampoo/deodorant(if needed)



PE - every Wednesday and Thursday

Don't worry about sending in PE kit, they can do it as they are. If they would like to bring in different trainers that's fine. Please send in deodorant as we do get very hot and sweaty. There is a tennis coach coming in on a Thursday.



Waterproof Clothing

Please make sure your child has warm clothes and a waterproof coat, simply because the children still love playing outside even in the rain and we cannot let them go out if they are inappropriately clothed. It also means that we can still go out for a walk in all weathers. If your child doesn't wear wellies don't worry, perhaps a spare pair of trainers would do?

Home-School Book

We will write important messages to you regarding your child as needed. We also often write about things that your child has done well. We will also put important letters in the book.

Please read the book every day.

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Upper 3 - Nicky G, Sally, Jacob and Ellie.