

LOSELEY FIELDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted with the enthusiasm that children in our classes have shown for their learning. We are only a few days into the term and already so impressed with how well they are settling in.

Topics for the Autumn:

	Topic	Science	English	R.E.	Educational Experiences
Autumn 1st Half Term	<i>Mythological Marvels (Ancient Greece)</i>	<i>Magnets</i>	<i>Fiction and non-fiction genres Example text(s) – Theseus & the Minotaur, Writing your own myth, The Krindlekrax by Phillip Ridley.</i>	<i>JUDAISM – What are important times for Jewish people?</i>	<i>Greek day in school</i>
Autumn 2nd Half Term	<i>Local Heroes</i>	<i>Human Body</i>	<i>Fiction and non-fiction genres Example text(s) – The Mousehole Cat, Information texts about the Titanic</i>	<i>CHRISTIANITY – How can artists help us to understand what Christians believe and do.</i>	<i>We are hoping to arrange a cross curricular local area visit. Titanic Day in school.</i>

P.E

Year 3 will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school every day, including warmer clothes for cold weather. Please ensure all items are named to avoid any confusion. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do this themselves, please take these out yourself before sending them to school. School staff are not permitted to help removing earrings and children wearing earrings will not be allowed to participate in PE. Please also ensure children also have socks in their PE kits for days that they are wearing tights.

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Homework

Your child is expected to read *every day* for about ten minutes. Where possible, we would appreciate it if you could hear your child read, ask questions to ensure understanding about what they have read and make a comment in their reading record. We recommend the children read a range of books which may include non-fiction or books from home.

The homework tasks. Once per half term the children will access a variety of tasks using Seesaw and are expected to complete 7 tasks. Children will be receiving instructions about this and their logins can be found, alongside their TT Rockstars logins, at the front of their reading records.

English

Writing – Over the course of the year, the children will explore a variety of writing genres. These will include reports, explanations and persuasive texts. In their writing we will be looking at description, writing to engage the reader and developing their characters.

Spellings - The children will be bringing spelling words home to learn each week. In line with the new curriculum, we will be taking a more investigative approach and teaching the children a variety of strategies to help them improve their spelling. They will bring home the words on a Monday, learn them over the week and be tested on them the following Monday. Children who are accessing phonics will be given spelling related to the sounds they are learning that week.

Maths

Mental arithmetic is of great importance, with a particular focus on times tables (x3, x4 and x8). Please support your child in learning their times tables regularly. Children are encouraged to use a range of strategies in maths. Any help is appreciated, however if you are unsure of the various strategies used for calculations please speak to your child's class teachers. This half term we are specifically focusing on Place Value of 3-digit numbers, addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers, perimeter, using metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Uniform

The children have started the year looking very smart and your help with this is appreciated. Please remember that jewellery (apart from plain studs) is not allowed in school and shoes should be appropriate for the school environment. Hair gel and closely shaven hair is not permitted along with hair pieces. Tracksuits are allowed in winter for outdoor PE only and should be plain and labelled with their name.

Snacks

Children in key stage 2 are not provided with fruit at break as they were in key stage 1, and are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit. They must also bring a named water bottle and are

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encouraged to drink water throughout the day. No sweets or fizzy drinks are permitted in school.

Please can we also remind all parents and carers that Loseley Fields is a nut free school.

We hope your child enjoys the year ahead. If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Rodger, Mrs Ridsdale-Smith and Mrs Wilson

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