

FOUNTAINS' NEWSLETTER.

We would like to say a big welcome to the year 2 children and parents and a big welcome back to the year 3s.

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you what will be happening in Fountains during the first half term.

The children will need forest school clothes on a Monday. On a Thursday they will need a PE kit as we will be doing different game skills outside. Year 3s will begin swimming on Friday 6th September.

We will change reading books for year 2s on a Monday and Thursday. Year 3 children and year 2 children, who are able, are encouraged to change their own books when necessary.

Homework

Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday beginning Tuesday 3rd September. We do work on these spellings in class but children are also encouraged to take them home to learn. We will do a test every Tuesday afternoon. Children will bring home reading comprehension homework each Wednesday (starting 11th September) to be in the following Wednesday.

Our topic for this half term will be **Pirates and Explorers**. As part of this topic we will be looking at compass points, directions and map reading.

In **English** our text will be **The Pirates Next Door**. The year 2 focus will be sentence structure and punctuation. The year 3 focus will be on paragraphing and use of suffixes.

In **Maths** we will look at **place value** using 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. We really encourage children to learn their times tables as they help in many aspects of mathematics. Year 2s need to work on 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. Year 3s should be moving on to 3s, 4s and 8 times tables. We will be doing Timetable Rock Stars 3 times a week in class.

Our **science** topic will be **forces and magnets**. We will be learning about different forces with the main focus on magnetic force. Year 3s will learn how magnets attract and repel and year 2s will be learning about magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

In **RE** the initial topic will be **What do different people believe about God?** We will also be finding out about **Harvest Festival**.

Our teaching assistants this year will be Mrs Marshall in a morning and either Mrs Harper or Mrs Gulliver in an afternoon.

We hope your children will enjoy their time in our class. If there is anything you wish to discuss please pop in and see us after school.

Here's to a fun and happy half term.

Mrs Wells and Ms Gauder.

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