

Year 3 Spring Term 1

Term	Topic
Spring 1	Why are Plants so Important to Us?

Thank you for your continued support over the autumn term. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break. As a reminder, here are some important pieces of information to help you and your child during the spring term. The **Topic Overview** will show what we will be covering in our first topic over the coming weeks. Please feel free to share this with your child at home.

At the start of the day: In the morning, as a gentle reminder, please can all Year 3 children and parents wait outside the Year 3 classrooms. **Children must be supervised.** Children are welcome to enter their classroom at 8:40am to start a morning activity or arithmetic or grammar. The doors are open until registration closes at 8:55am. **Children arriving after this time will need to sign in at the school office.**

At the end of the day: Children will be dismissed at 3:20pm. Children who are booked into After School Club will meet in Heron Class. **Children not collected by 3:25pm will be asked to wait in the school office.**

Contacting your child's teacher: All messages for the class teacher can be emailed and the teachers will respond as soon as possible. You can also message via Dojo but please don't use Dojo to message about any urgent or serious issues; please continue to use the school office and normal school procedures for this (face-to-face or via email). Please check your emails, the class webpages and social media pages regularly for messages and letters. Newsletters are emailed fortnightly. The Arbor APP can be downloaded and **notifications turned on** to allow for school messages.

Homework: Requirements in Year 3 include reading on a daily basis (either your child reading to you or you to them and asking questions or a mixture of both). It is important that you sign the Reading Record once a week. The Homework Grid on the Widey website under the Year 3 area outlines the homework activities this term. The maths homework activity will be set on My Maths which is an online programme. Please also practise the Timestable Rockstar times tables 'garage' and 'jamming' sessions. Weekly spellings will be set on a Monday and a spelling test will be given on the following Monday. The spelling list can be found on the Homework Grid. It is suggested that homework is completed in short periods throughout the week rather than all in one go as this supports consolidation. Please don't just practise spellings at the weekend. Children will be offered opportunities during the week to take an Accelerated Reader quiz. The children will take a Star Reader test at the end of a half term to assess their reading further.

Bags: Items should be brought to school in **a school book bag or small school rucksack**. Please discourage your child from carrying water bottles in this bag to prevent books becoming damaged.

PE: There are no changes to the PE days for the term. Children will need to wear their black tracksuits during the spring term. PE kits can be worn to school on PE days. All uniform and PE kit must be named, and we encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings. Lost Property is in the main school reception.

Drinks & snacks: Your child is encouraged to bring a fresh fruit / vegetable snack in a bag or pot to school as this is not provided at Key Stage 2. Children must bring plain water in a plastic bottle which they can have throughout the day at regular intervals (juice is only acceptable at lunchtimes in their packed lunch). **Please ensure all bottles and tubs are labelled and taken home daily.**

Uniform: We are proud of how smart we look at Widey Court so please help us by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform to school. Hair should be up off the face in hair bands or small bows of the school colours preferably. Earrings are permitted but they must be a small plain stud. Earrings will have to be removed or taped for PE lessons. Watches can be worn for educational purposes.

Behaviour: We have high expectations of behaviour and partnership with parents and carers is crucial to this. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in promoting good behaviour. Our Behaviour Policy is available to read on our website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have any other queries regarding the Spring Term, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Miss Griffiths, Mrs Thomas and Mr Miles