

Emmbrook Junior School



Curriculum Bulletin Year 3

Spring Term 2018

Year Group News

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term! We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday. We'd like to thank you for your generous presents and cards – these were very much enjoyed and appreciated.

We will have an exciting addition to year three this term; we will be getting a fish tank as we are taking part in the 'Fishkeeper Fry' interactive learning experience courtesy of Maidenhead Aquatics. The children's science work will be based around the fish as they learn how to provide the best habitat for their new classmates!

We will also be travelling back in time to learn about the Vikings in English and history, and we'll even have a visit from a 'real' Viking. It will be a busy term but hopefully a very enjoyable and productive one!

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask, we're always happy to help. We always welcome the involvement of the whole school community too, so if you have an interest or expertise, or even some exciting artefacts or photos linked to our topics to share, please speak with your child's teacher.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead for 3 Larch and 3 Ash!

Mrs Crosby, Mrs Hart and the Year 3 team

Curriculum Information

This is the work we will cover in each curriculum area this term.

We hope that this information will enable you to give support to your child. You could use the information in a variety of ways:

- As a basis for discussion about school and work.
- To borrow from the library/or buy appropriate books.
- To look out for suitable television or radio programmes and videos.
- To look out for suitable newspaper and magazine articles.
- To help your child find suitable information in encyclopedias and from the internet.



Spring Term Invasion!



Maths

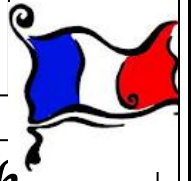
Multiplication and
division
Money
Statistics
Length and Perimeter

Art

Viking
Longships

English

News reports
Kennings
Beowulf



French

Constructing simple
sentences
Rhyming



Science

We are fishkeepers

History

The Viking and Anglo Saxon
struggle for the Kingdom of
England

Design and Technology

Making shields
Weaving
Braiding leather



Geography

Learning where key places
in Northern Europe are
Learning where places are
in England

PE

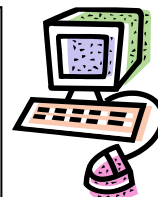
Dance
Basketball
Golf
Hockey

RE

Miracles in
Christianity

Computing

Programming and
Coding



PSHE

Rules and responsibilities

Music

Buildings in the past
Chinese music



Reminders

SPELLINGS



- The school uses the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. scheme. Spelling sessions take place once per week for an hour. Children are encouraged to write any spellings they are unsure of into their red spelling book for practice and improvement. If you have any problems regarding spellings, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. There will no longer be a spelling test each week; spellings will be monitored in all lessons. You will receive a list of words which you can encourage your child to learn.

READING



- Reading is such an important part of a child's life. It is essential that children read at home regularly (either with or without an adult). Each child, therefore, is asked to read for a **minimum of 10 minutes per day**. This can be a book (or alternative text such as a magazine or newspaper) of their choice or the texts which are brought home from school (or both!). Each child will have at least 2 books that they will bring home each day in their reading folder. One book will be from the Emmbrook Scheme and one will be from the KS2 Oxford Reading Tree Scheme.
- We would like to encourage you to read with your child and discuss the text that they are reading. We will provide questions and prompts to aid this.
- Either you or your child can add information to the Reading Record (details of each reading session per day). However, please sign your child's Reading Record **at least once per week** to confirm what they are reading and how often. You can also write questions and comments which the teacher will respond to in due course.

KNOWING NUMBER FACTS



- This term, we will be continuing with the weekly 'Knowing Number Facts' tests. Children are given a set of number facts to learn each week and their attainment is recorded on a class chart. Please support the children in learning these at home. New facts will be issued for testing the following week.

HOME LEARNING



- Children will be set a MyMaths task and reading comprehension activity each **Thursday** for homework. Please sign your child's homework feedback sheet in the front of their homework book and comments are welcomed. Later in the term, the children will also be receiving their Topic Grid.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS

There are a number of ways in which you can communicate with your child's teacher. These include:

- Face to face meeting on the playground at the end of the school day
- Appointment made by contacting the school office
- Comment in reading record
- Emailing the teacher (teacher's email addresses are available on the school website)

Please note, urgent information must always be telephoned to the school office.

If you need to make contact with the school regarding any matter you must make contact with your child's class teacher initially, then if required an appointment can be made with either the Inclusion Manager, Assistant Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher, then if required the Head Teacher.

LIBRARY BOOKS (Non-Fiction)



- Children are allowed to select their own book although advice is given if a book seems unsuitable. Please encourage your child to look after their library book. There will be a charge if the book is lost.

PENCIL CASES



- In each classroom, essential stationery is provided for the use of pupils. We therefore ask that pencil cases brought in from home are small enough to fit into your child's tray for easy storage and that they contain only a spare pencil, handwriting pen, rubber and sharpener.

WATER BOTTLES



- Children are expected to bring a small, named bottle of water into school. However, we must stress this can be water only and any bottles must be taken home daily for reasons of hygiene. Please bring in the filled bottle each morning.

P.E. KIT



- Fully labelled kit must be brought into school in a suitably named bag on a Monday. It will then be left in school all week and taken home on a Friday for washing. Year 3 PE slots are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Children should have their kit in school every day as there may be additional PE slots during the week.

SUNNY WEATHER



- In sunny weather, children are permitted to bring a suitable hat to wear when they are outside.
- Due to health and safety reasons, sunscreen should not be brought into school. There are many all-day sunscreens available which we would advise you to apply to your child before they come to school.

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term

January

- w/c 8th - Clubs Start
- 19th - 6 Fir Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 24th - Inter-School Quiz 10:00am – 11:00am
- 24th - Year 6 SATs Curriculum Evening 7:30 – 8:00pm
- 26th - 3 Ash Sharing Assembly 9:00am

February

- 2nd - 6 Beech Sharing Assembly 9.00am
- 9th - Grandparents Day (morning)
- w/c 12th - HALF TERM
- 23rd - PTA Junior Disco
- 23rd - 4 Cedar Sharing Assembly 9.00am

March

- 1st - World Book Day – child to dress as a book character
- 2nd - 5 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 8th - World Kidney Day – non-uniform day
- 9th - 3 Larch Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 16th - 4 Elm Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- w/c 19th - Clubs Finish
- 23rd - 5 Pine Sharing Assembly 9.00am
- 23rd - Sport Relief Day
- 27th - Parents Evening: 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 28th - Parents Evening: 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 29th - Last Day of Term: school finishes at 2:00pm

April

- 16th - First Day of Summer Term

