

# Year 3 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 3! We have all had a great start to the year and we have got lots of fab things lined up...

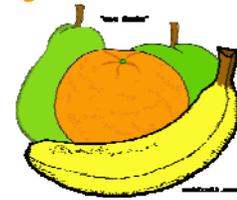


## WATER!



It has been proven that drinking water regularly throughout the day aids children's concentration and learning. Earlsfield has always supported this theory and we encourage the children to take regular drinks. The children will no longer have their school water bottles in class. Therefore we would greatly appreciate it if you can start sending your child to school with a bottle of fresh water each day; obviously tap water is fine! This bottle should be no bigger than 500ml and should have your child's name clearly labelled. We will send home their bottles every day for them to be refilled. Any bottles left behind at school will go in the recycling bin. We hope that this will encourage your child to drink more frequently and will allow you to monitor how much they're drinking while in school.

## Playtime Snacks



*As children are not provided with a piece of fruit at playtime in Key Stage 2, they are allowed to bring in their own healthy snack. This should be either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. We would really encourage you to consider this as it helps the children concentrate and keeps them going until lunch!*



## Reading

In Key Stage 2 reading is a little different than you will be used to. Your child will read to an adult once a week within a small group. Their Guided Reading adult will change each half term, however the reading day will stay the same - **WEDNESDAY**. In addition to this their class teacher will hear them read at least twice a term, and many children will also read with adult helpers. The children will be given a snazzy new **reading comment book** which should be filled in each time your child reads, whether this is at home or at school. We are encouraging the children to read all types of text and therefore it may not just be books that they're recording. Each time they read they should fill in the date, the text and the pages read. Once a week they should be writing a comment about what they've read that fills two boxes in their book.

## P.E.

Year 3 will be going swimming again this year. Details of this will follow when it has been confirmed. Children will have a second PE lesson on a Friday.

It is vital that the children have their kit for EVERY lesson. They will not be allowed to take part unless they are in proper P.E. kit. Please make sure that ALL kit is labelled to avoid things going missing and it costing you a fortune!

### HOMEWORK

- As before, homework will be given out on Thursdays to be completed by Tuesday.
- The expectation is that children are reading at home for 15 minutes every day. This may be your child reading to you or you sharing a book with them. They should be recording this in their reading comment book.
- We also expect your child to be practising their times tables at home. At the start of Year 3 we re-cap on our 2,5 and 10 times tables. It is very important that your child is confident with these number facts. We move onto the 3 and 4 times tables too as the year goes on. We will be sending home some ideas of how to practise these with your child. We will be testing their times tables knowledge every Monday.
- As you will be used to, your child will be sent home every week (Wednesday) with a set of 10 spellings to learn. These will be linked to the spelling rule/pattern they have focused on in our Wednesday lesson. They will be tested on these the following Wednesday.

### What else are we up to?

These are the topics we'll be covering this term...

<b>Science</b>	Healthy Eating and Teeth	Rocks and Soils
<b>History</b>	Romans	
<b>ICT</b>	Email	Combining text and graphics
<b>P.E.</b>	Swimming, Gym and Games	Swimming, Gym and Games
<b>R.E.</b>	Judaism	Judaism
<b>PSHE</b>	New Beginnings	Getting on and falling out
<b>D and T</b>	Healthy sandwiches	
<b>Art</b>	Cross curricular art linked mostly to History and Science	

*Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Mr Dewey and Miss Ní Mhuirheartaigh*