



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.

24th April, 2023

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : YEAR 3 SUMMER TERM 2023 NEWSLETTER

Firstly, a huge welcome to summer term. Our topic this term is Spectacular Stoke on Trent - A UK Study. A large proportion of this topic will focus on the geography of the UK homing in on Stoke on Trent and also our local community. I cannot wait to see the finished homework projects when they are all in. This term our focused artist is Clarice Cliff the local pottery artist. We will be looking closely at her bold designs and having a go at designing our own mug or plate in her style. I am in the process of arranging a trip to Emma Bridgewater so that we are able to have a go at painting our own pottery, I will of course keep you updated on this. Finally, as part of our topic we will be looking at the great British picnic. Keep your eyes peeled for your invitation to our class picnic where the children will be making you a delightful afternoon tea style picnic.

READING BOOKS

We are continuing to encourage the children to take more ownership and responsibility when it comes to reading. When they read each evening it is really important that this is recorded in their reading diary - by an adult. It is super important that you read with your child every night, the children must bring their reading book and diary into school every day. If your child is a free reader, they do not need to bring their book in everyday just their reading diary so that we can check it. Reading helps children's imaginations to grow and this will then help them with their creativity in English. Reading also helps the children to improve their spelling skills. Myself or Mrs Eardley will aim to read with the children every week whether this be in class or on a 1:1 basis.

ENGLISH

In English this term we will be using 4 different texts that will allow the children to explore different writing styles and structures. These will be linked to our main topic, one of these includes a short animation that we will be exploring and focusing our writing on.

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MATHS

We will of course be continuing to embed the four main operations as well as developing our confidence with fractions. Towards the end of this half term we will be looking at time, both reading an analogue clock face as well as a digital clock. I will be using time to set the children challenges to show to them how we use time in our everyday lives and how it can help us. After half term we will be focusing on shape, perimeter, mass and capacity. Please continue to encourage the children to log into Mathletics and complete any of the challenges they like to look of. I will also be setting some of these challenges as homework too. There will be extra Dojo's for those children who complete the most challenges.

HOMEWORK

I will be sending homework out every Friday, which will include spellings, maths and either a piece of English, science or a topic based piece. These pieces will help to reinforce what we have been doing in class that week and should typically take a couple of hours each week. It is imperative that homework is returned to school no later than Tuesday of the coming week. I have noticed a huge improvement in the children's efforts with their spellings since we have been doing our 'Super Speller' rewards. Let's keep this up and see if we can beat our record of 13 certificates.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are a really important part of key stage two so making good firm foundations with these in year 3 is something that we will be focusing on throughout our English lessons as well as using a weekly spelling test (on a Friday) and Read Write Inc. to support these skills.

PE

Our main PE day is a Monday so all children need to come to school in their kits - earrings must NOT be worn on these days and long hair needs to be tied back and out of the children's faces. We have a second PE session on a Thursday but children don't need to come to school in their PE kit on this day.

The children will continue to earn themselves Dojo points throughout the day for our usual school and class expectations. We will also be giving out team points for exceptional effort and hard work along with anyone who is recognised for showing any of our core school values.

Finally, I would just like to say that I have loved watching all of the children develop over the past two terms, every single one of them has made some great progress so far and I hope that it continues throughout our final term together. I would also just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your constant and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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