

**The Teachers in Year 3 are:** Dazzling Dolphins: Mrs Miller and Mrs Dewsbury. Magnificent Monkeys: Mrs Sanchez-Rosemurgey.

**The Teaching Assistants are:** Mrs Grimes and Mrs Ali

### Our Topic this Term is 'Through the Ages'

**Our mini projects are:** "Animal nutrition and skeletons" "Complement and Contrast," "Our Planet, One World," "Prehistoric pots" and "Cook well Eatwell".

Through our mini projects we will be exploring science, art, geography and design technology. Children will be investigating how the body works and moves and will be researching a focused topic of their choosing. In art, children will be using watercolours to explore the effects of colour ranges on their audience. In geography, we will be looking at our local area, using mapping skills and thinking about land use. Finally, in DT we will be thinking about how to cook safely and will be preparing a range of vegetable and meat foods to taste.

#### English

This half term we will be learning how to write a persuasive letter. Learning about the features and structures needed to be effective writers. We will be selecting an audience and then focusing on the language and structures needed to make our creations suitable for the task.

#### How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

In preparation for DT, when cooking at home please look at recipes with your children. Also, ask them to help prepare vegetables and meats, discussing nutritional values and balanced diets.

When walking around our local area, please discuss with your children the different places there are to visit and the reasons for these places in our community.

#### Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Time

#### General Reminders:

**Home Learning:** Your child will be able to access home learning activities through Purple Mash. Your child will receive an email every week through the communication and email section on Purple Mash.

**Spellings:** Weekly spellings will be on the home learning sheet for children to practise. Spelling test will take place every Monday.

**PE:** PE will take place every Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure children wear the appropriate PE kits (white tops, black bottoms and black plimsolls/trainers) when they come to school so they can participate in the lessons. Ear-rings must be removed at home on each P.E day.

**Reading:** Please continue to read your child's school book regularly and read with them on MYON.

**Water Bottles:** Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water only.

**Healthy Snack:** No snack is provided in Year 3. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) every day for snack.

#### Useful Websites:

Alongside Purple Mash useful maths games can also be found at:  
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

BBC Bitesize is fantastic for all subjects.

#### Autumn 2 Dates for your Diary:

16<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need Day  
17<sup>th</sup> November: Inset Day  
6<sup>th</sup> December: Magnificent Monkeys Class Assembly  
12<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Market  
13<sup>th</sup> December: Dazzling Dolphins Class Assembly  
21<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> December: Last day of term  
8<sup>th</sup> January: Return to school for Spring

**Any other Information** This half term we will be having a Sports Coach for our PE lessons on a Friday, where the children will be taking part in archery sessions. This is also an opportunity for children to potentially be selected to represent Reigate Park against other schools in the Harmony Trust.