

Holkham class Autumn Term 2013 newsletter

A warm welcome to year 3! I'm looking forward to working with you & your children to bring happiness & success this year.

Literacy. We'll be starting this term by looking at narrative texts with attention to expanding on descriptive language, characterisation & structure.

Maths. Initially the class will be focusing on the core mathematical operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication & division) and then in 3 weeks or so we'll move onto shape and measurement.

Topic. Spain is the topic in hand and we'll be learning facts about the country, practising the language, studying Spanish artists and trying some Spanish dishes!

P.E. The children require two sets of shoes; one to be worn indoors and the other for outdoor sports. When the weather turns colder, the children will have the odd lesson outdoors and so a tracksuit type jumper and trousers would be ideal. The outdoor P.E shoes are also required for use during break times if your child wishes to play on the grass or apparatus.

Important dates.

October 23rd Class assembly. We will be turning our classroom into a Spanish restaurant! The children are already thrilled and we are sure you will be too.

October 21st Norwich cinema trip (note this involves a late return to school)

Homework.

Homework will be given out on Wednesdays and to be returned on Mondays.

Please try to read with your child as often as possible, ideally five times a week for 10 minutes at a time. The children will receive some core high frequency words to learn if required.

How to help.

Read with your child as often as possible. When they're reading comfortably, ask questions about the story to gauge comprehension. Encourage the learning of the multiplication tables (found at the back of the weekly planner).

Useful websites for maths: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/>

Spanish: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/spanish/>

Literacy & maths: <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

A Note from the office: Dinner Money.

If your child would like a school meal, please can they bring their dinner money in a clearly named purse or envelope. This could be done either at the beginning of the week, or on the day that your child would like a lunch. If you are paying for more than one day, it is helpful for you to let us know which days your child would like lunches. In order to build your child's sense of responsibility, they should place this money in the classroom basket in the morning. If you need change, this will be returned in your child's purse or envelope at the end of the day. Many thanks.

If you have any questions I'm always available to talk.