

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- ❖ Greek Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- ❖ Greek food tasting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- ❖ Reading week begins on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January between 3.00 and 3.20. Our weekly reading sessions will continue to be every Friday between 3.00 and 3.20am.



### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Please can we remind you to make sure all your child's items of clothing are named, particularly jumpers. If your child does come home with clothing that doesn't belong to them, please return it as soon as possible.
- PE days this term are as follows: Horse Chestnuts – Monday and Wednesday, Oaks – Thursday and Friday, Willows –Wednesday and Thursday. On those days, earrings must be taken out before school unless your child can take them out themselves. Please ensure that your child has a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms in case of outdoor PE.
- Homework will continue to be set on Thursdays and must be handed in by Tuesday.
- Visit our website for more information at <http://www.havelockschools.org.uk/>. You can find the Year 3 page on the school website at <http://www.havelockschools.org.uk/index.php/for-pupils/year-3> and useful maths links on <https://www.havelockschools.org.uk/index.php/curriculum/links> .
- We are sending out new bookmarks that offer ideas of questions to ask your child when reading at home, to support their development in reading. They come from a website called Twinkl and break reading skills down into specific areas. If you hear your child talking about reading dogs, this is what they are referring to! If you were wondering what books might be good to read at home with your child, these websites have some age-appropriate recommendations of classics and some more modern material;

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-3>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/reading-for-pleasure>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

<https://theteachingbooth.wordpress.com/2017/06/24/100-book-lists-for-primary-classroom/>

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any further information, we are grateful for your continued support - *The Year 3 Team*

# Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 1

## **Maths**

In maths we will be focusing on multiplication and division, particularly the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

### **AT HOME**

Try to complete weekly homework as it will always be directly linked to the week's learning and support your child in their times table marathon each week.

## **Literacy**

We will be reading and writing Greek Myths and writing non-chronological reports based on our topic work.

### **AT HOME:**

Any and all reading is good reading!

## **Science**

We will be learning about forces and movement and also about magnets this term.

### **AT HOME:**

Independent research is always valuable. Try looking on Pinterest or Facebook for relevant activities or you can find experiment ideas on websites such as <https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>.

## **Computing**

We will finish our work on PowerPoints before extending our programming skill set with Pyonkee and Scratch.

### **AT HOME:**

Any practise at home is always useful. Scratch is free to download from the internet and Pyonkee is an app available from iTunes.

## **History**

We will be learning about ancient Greece, including the Greek Gods, the original Olympics, Greek theatre and the origins of democratic government.

### **AT HOME**

Independent research is always valuable. Desborough library may well have some useful books and Pinterest is also a mine of information and ideas.

## **RE**

We will be asking the question "Is sacrifice important to faith?"

## **Art**

We will be sewing our own cushions, practising a range of stitches, including running, back and blanket.

## **Music**

We will be learning about Heroes of Troy through song.

## **French**

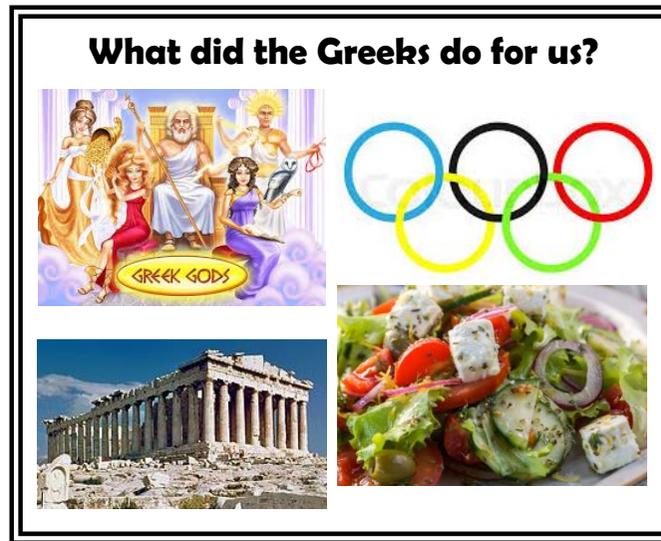
The children will use songs, games and actions to learn more words and phrases.

## **PE**

In our PE lessons we will be following a dance unit based on the theme of machines and our gymnastics focus for the term is balance.

### **AT HOME:**

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school, including plimsolls and warm clothing, as we may be working outside. Children cannot do PE if they are wearing earrings so please make sure they are removed on PE days.



## **Values, PSHE and Philosophy for Children**

Honesty is our value this term and we will be following the Jigsaw unit 'Dreams and Goals' in PSHE.