



Year 3 - Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Parkfield Primary School

Helpful information for this half term

Homework is given out **EVERY Wednesday** and needs to be returned the following **Monday**. In addition to this we expect the children should be reading **EVERYDAY** for at least 20 minutes. They receive a Library book and an Accelerated Reader Book weekly. Children must complete their accelerated reader quiz on their banded book. The accelerated reader books need to be returned on the day that the children read with their teacher and the quiz must be completed. It would be helpful if children can bring their own water bottle for drinking water every day and a coat on cold or rainy days.

Our Online Provisions

In Year 3 this year, all homework will be online via our Google Classroom and supporting online platforms:

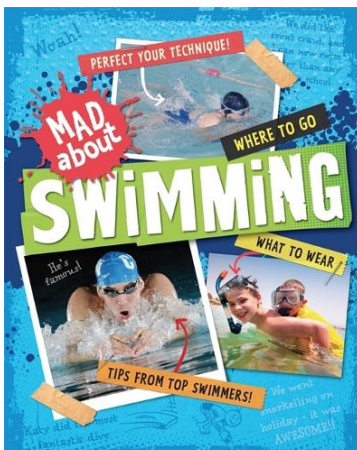
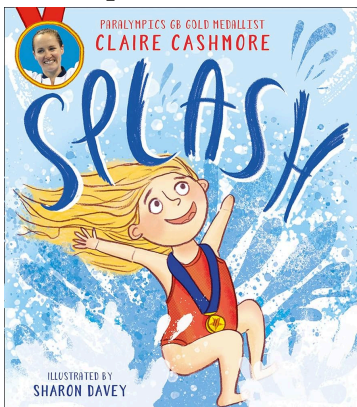
- Spelling Shed
- My Maths
- Accelerated Reader
- Times Table Rockstars
- Purple Mash

Essential Information

- **Oak class** will be swimming every morning from 15th - 26th January.
- **Willow class** will be swimming every morning from 29th January - 9th February. Children must bring a **swimming costume**, **swimming hat** and a **towel** to school on these days.
- Y3 library day is Thursday, please only bring the red book bags for that day
- Please bring the blue book bags daily.

Our topic this half-term:

Splash!



English

We will be writing a persuasive letter to the school asking for a new swimming pool to be installed! We will also continue our work with Eastside Spoken Word Power, writing poems as part of the Hear My Voice project.

Maths

We will be continuing our work on the 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10 times tables and learning formal written methods to solve multiplication and division problems. We will also be measuring lengths and finding perimeters in order to design our own swimming pool!

Art

We will be creating art around the theme of swimming using overlapping and tessellation.

Science

We will be learning about the ingredients of a healthy balanced diet and how humans and animals have skeletons and muscles, having them move and support themselves.

PSHE

We will be learning about the risks and hazards in a variety of situations and how to keep safe at all times.

RE

For World Religion day on the 21st January, we will be learning about the range of religions practised in our local community and in the wider world.

Computing

We will begin our work on animation, sequencing a range of drawings and pictures.

Key Vocabulary

Keywords for this half term

Some ways you can help your child learn these new words:

- Come up with an action or movement that represents the word
- Use the word in a sentence (model correct use and pronunciation)
- Create an acrostic poem or song about the word
- Draw a picture that represents the definition of the word
- Find other words that mean the same
- Look for the words in books you are reading

Word	Meaning	Picture
Swimming strokes	A body motion or movement to move forward in water. Common strokes include: front crawl, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.	
Perimeter	The distance all the way around a shape.	
Nutrients	Important substances you get from food that help your body survive and grow.	
Carbohydrates	A nutrient and the body's major source of energy.	
Proteins	A nutrient that builds, maintains, and replaces the tissues in your body.	
Vitamins	A nutrient that humans need in order to grow and be healthy.	
Fibre	A carbohydrate that helps lower cholesterol and improve blood sugar control.	
Hazard	A danger in a situation or environment	
Symbol	An object or picture that represents a belief, thought or idea.	

