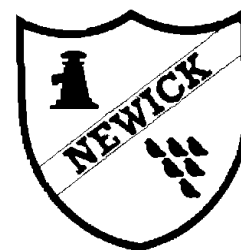


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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the first term of the new academic year. We are very much looking forward to teaching your children in Year 3. In this letter we would like to tell you about some of the things that we have planned for the upcoming year.

Website: At Newick, we are proud to be 'paper-free' wherever possible. Our website is where all information is shared with you and any letters that are posted can be found on the child's class page. If a letter is uploaded that concerns your child, you will be notified via text.

Home Learning: With the exception of the first and last week of each term, this will be set weekly and the focus will be one literacy based task and one maths task. The home learning will be set every **Friday** with completed home learning to be returned to school by the following **Wednesday**. It will also include spellings, reading, times tables or a written task related to that week's learning.

Spellings will be set along with the home learning and will be related to the patterns and rules we are learning at school. I attach a copy of the statutory year 3/4 spelling list issued by the Department of Education for those parents and children who would like to have the full list. Many of these spellings will be incorporated into the learning this year.

Reading: Ideally, we would like the children to read daily every week for a minimum of 15 minutes and record this in their reading records. We do expect to see reading records every day in school. It is beneficial to regularly spend some time reading together at home and discussing the plot, characters and subject matter with your child as this is known to improve their comprehension skills as well as their use of language and range of vocabulary. There is a document on the school website, which provides some suggestions of useful questions to ask and key terminology.

Times Tables: Secure times table knowledge is vital in order for your child to progress in maths. By the end of Year 2, children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables by heart and by the end of Year 3, they should know their 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well. The expectation is that any of these times tables which are not secure, are learned. The websites listed below also have some useful online games which might inspire your child to learn them faster! Please support your child by encouraging them to continue working on multiplication and division facts until they are secure.

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/multiplication_games.html

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/cathymath.html>

P.E. is on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year, but please ensure that kit is kept in school all week and is clearly labelled; there may be timetable variations and therefore PE could be scheduled on a different day. It is also essential that a water bottle is in school every day. During Swimming weeks, P.E will be on Tuesdays only.

NB: Trainers will be needed for the climbing wall if used at playtimes. It would be useful for children to bring along wellies or an additional pair of trainers as well as old tracksuit bottoms or overalls to cover school clothes as the field will be in use all year round.

Swimming: This will run for ten weeks from Friday 21st September. If any parents or carers are free to help out on Friday mornings (the coach leaves at 9am and returns at approximately 10.30am), please get in touch. It would be very much appreciated!

Jewellery: Apart from stud earrings, jewellery is not to be worn in school. If your child has recently pierced ears and cannot remove earrings, please would you provide microporous tape. Long hair should also be tied back.

Water bottle: It is important that your child is well hydrated to enhance their focus and concentration. We ask that your child has a named water bottle filled with fresh water each day.

Forest schools: Forest schools will be led by Mrs Claire Green on Thursdays in Term 6. A request for parent helpers will be issued shortly by the office. I really appreciate all help offered by parents throughout the year and I know that the children themselves very much enjoy the involvement of their parents in school activities.

Year 3 Topics:

Terms 1 and 2	The Stone Age and The Bronze Age
Terms 3 and 4	The Iron Age and The Celts
Terms 5 and 6	The Romans

During the first 2 terms in Year 3, the children will be learning about the history of Britain, from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. This continues in to the spring terms as we move on to the Iron Age, the Celts and the Romans. These topics provide an exciting platform for the children to really be inspired by our history, bringing to life the past and gaining perspective on the present and future.

I hope that the information in this letter is helpful to you, but please do not hesitate to come in if there is something you wish to discuss. I am very much looking forward to this year and I thank you all in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sarah Hanson

