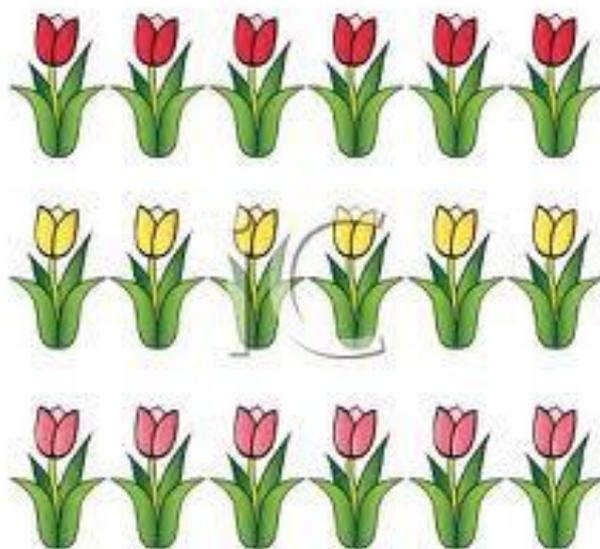


Welwyn St. Mary's Primary School



Spring Term 2017



Year 3

H3	GB3	
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Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 3!

We hope that you find all of the information in this leaflet useful. If you have any further questions about the term ahead please do let us know so that we can arrange a time to talk to you.

There are a few things that you can do to help us (and your child):

- Please ensure that your child brings their reading record and reading book to school every day.
- Please ensure that your child's clothing (cardigans and jumpers in particular) are named.
- Please do not hesitate to let us know if your child struggles with a piece of homework (a note on the actual piece of homework or in their reading record is fine).

Thank you! *Mrs Grimmond, Mrs Branch and Miss Harcourt*

Routines

We encourage each child to learn and follow simple daily routines in order to make them independent and responsible for their own belongings. It would be an enormous help to the staff and your child if you could support this by doing the following:

- Dropping your child off promptly (by 8.40 a.m. at the latest) at the KS2 waiting area every morning allowing them to come straight in to school ready to start the day.
- Giving your child a piece of fruit (or vegetable) to eat at break time.
- Ensuring your child has their (named) PE kit every day, they will bring it home each half term to be washed.

- Ensuring your child has their book bag and lunch box (if they need one) with them in the morning.
- Waiting for your child at the end of each day at the KS2 waiting area and not on the driveway.

Looking Smart in School Uniform.

Our school uniform is simple and practical, intended to keep the children looking smart and contributing to a feeling of belonging to the school.

Girls

- White blouse or polo shirt.
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or tailored trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt or cardigan.
- In the winter, grey socks or grey tights.
- In the summer, pink (not red) check cotton dress and plain white socks.



Boys

- White shirt or white polo shirt.
- Grey long or short trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt.
- Plain grey socks.

All children also require:

- Plain sensible black shoes (not boots or trainers).
- School book bag.
- Water bottle
- School sun hat.

Sports

- Coloured house T-shirt (Blue - Normans, Red - Vikings, Green - Romans, Yellow - Saxons).
- Plain black P.E. shorts
- Trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside games in colder weather

It is helpful if the children keep their P.E. kit in a named drawstring bag to hang on their peg rather than a backpack or a large kitbag.

Jewellery, hair and nails

We do not allow jewellery in school as it can be a source of danger in P.E. and swimming. Pierced ears should have a stud only. Earrings have to be removed or taped for P.E., and removed for swimming lessons.

Long hair must be tied back for games and swimming lessons, ideally in a plait for swimming to aid getting swimming hats on!

We would also appreciate it if children with long hair could tie it back during the general school day with plain and simple bands, clips or ribbons in brown, black or maroon. Boys' hair should be a traditional style and neither too short nor too long. No 'fashion' cuts are allowed.

Nail varnish should be removed before the start of each school day.

The school and Local Authority do not accept liability for loss or damage to personal property and we therefore do not encourage children to bring such items, including toys, to school. *Thank you for your support.*

Topics for this term.

Literacy

In English lessons, children are taught speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through studying a variety of styles of writing (genres). Teachers follow the Teaching Sequence for Writing, which means that children will be taught to read and understand the text, then practise the skills of the style of writing, including grammar, and apply them in their own writing. We will continue to focus on 'talk for writing'. As well as improving speaking and listening skills, spending time investigating and discussing texts with the teacher and peers enables the children to produce extended pieces of writing at the end of a unit.



We started off this term with a mixture of Design Technology and writing instructions. Next we will be finding out about fables, myths and legends with a particular focus on myths to support our Ancient Greek History topic -the children love to learn about all the gory monsters! Over the rest of the term we will learn about plays and dialogue and use our non-fiction topic of 'information texts' to support our Science work.

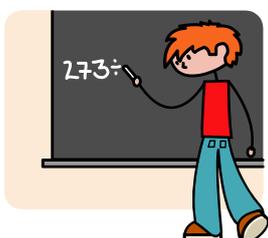
Just as last term, your child will be part of a guided reading group through which their teacher will help them develop their reading and comprehension skills. **Please ensure that your child continues to read at home every day for at least 10 minutes and that you complete their Reading Record book by commenting and signing it at the end of each week. We would ask you to continue to hear your child read as often as you can. It is also beneficial if you read to your child whenever possible.**

Have a look at this website for ideas to support your child...

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/literacy/index.htm>

Mathematics

Maths will be taught every day, using the new National Curriculum. All areas of study will be covered this term to develop pupils' mathematical fluency.



Your support in helping your child consolidate their basic skills would be greatly beneficial. This could include: making sure that your child is confident in reading and writing the numbers and understands what they mean (understanding the difference between thirty/thirteen etc), counting forwards and backwards from any number in steps of 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8, 50 and 100 and simple mental calculations such as quick addition and subtraction using numbers below 100 and different vocabulary for + and -. This term we will continue to focus on learning 2, 10, and 5 times tables together with 3, 4 and 8. **By the end of Y3 children are expected to know 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and the corresponding division facts.**

For more information about what your children will be learning in maths throughout the year please visit our website www.welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk. You can also find a useful vocabulary list, some games you might wish to play with your child and a document outlining the progression of written methods in mathematics.

RE

This term we cover two topics in our Religious Education lesson. First of all we shall be looking at 'Who is Jesus?' We will be looking at what's known about Jesus' life and how he lived it to help others. We will also be studying Easter. We will be focusing on retelling the story, understanding the importance of Lent and discussing why this is such a special time for Christians.

Science

Our science topics for this term are 'Rocks' and 'We are Astronauts'. Through these topics children will develop their scientific skills, making careful observations, learning to plan simple investigations, understand how to make them fair, and drawing conclusions from their results which they will present in a range of ways. They will be encouraged to develop skills in questioning outcomes and refining their investigative expertise.



http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7_8/science_7_8.shtml

Computing

In Computing we shall be following a unit called 'We are producers' in which the children will explore the different role of filming and production. We will be using ipads and imovie.

E-Safety.

Below is some important information on the school's policies on taking photographs of children as well as a copy of the e-safety agreement that the children sign.



Using Images Safely and Responsibly

We all enjoy and treasure images of our family and friends. Our new born baby, first steps, family events, holidays and school events are moments we all like to capture in photos or on video.

We then have the added and exciting dimension of adding our images and video to our social network, such as Facebook, YouTube and many other online websites. This means that we can easily share our photos and video with family and friends.

Whilst this is naturally useful, in schools and educational settings we do need to protect and safeguard all children and staff in our school, including those who do not want to have their images stored online.

Online Images and Video. *What should we think about before adding online any images or video? Are there any risks?*

Facts

- Once online any image or video can be copied and stay online forever.
- Some children are at risk and **MUST NOT** have their image put online. Not all members of the school community will know who they are.
- Some people do not want their images online for personal or religious reasons.
- Some children and staff may have a complex family background which means that image sharing online can have unforeseen consequences.

We must all **'Think Before We Post' Online**

At Welwyn St. Mary's School we are happy for parents and carers to take photos and video of the school events and productions for *personal use* but request that these images are not distributed or put online. This is to protect all members of the school community

Thank you for your support.

Please note: From time to time we use photographs of our pupils to promote and celebrate the good work in our school. This might be on our website or in paper form to carefully selected audiences. We never publish a child's name alongside their photograph for reasons of safety. If you do not wish your child's be photograph to be used in this way please send a letter in to your child's teacher.



Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement / E- Safety Rules.

- I will only use ICT in school for school purposes.
- I will only use my class e-mail address or my own school e-mail address when e-mailing
- I will only open e-mail attachments from people I know, or who my teacher has approved.
 - I will not tell other people my ICT passwords.
 - I will only open / delete my own file.
- I will make sure that all ICT content with other children and adults is responsible, sensible and polite.
- I will not deliberately look for, save or send anything that could be unpleasant or nasty. If I accidentally find anything like this I will tell my teacher immediately.
- I will not give out my own details such as my name, 'phone number or home address. I will not arrange to meet someone unless this is part of a school project approved by my school teacher and an adult comes with me.
 - I will be responsible for my behaviour when using ICT because I know that these rules keep me safe.
- I know that my use of ICT can be checked and that my parent / carer will be contacted of a member of staff is concerned about my E - Safety.



History

This term we shall be studying 'The Ancient Greeks'. This will include finding out about the wars between the Greeks and the Persians, Gods and Goddesses, the Greek alphabet, pottery and drama as well as researching everyday life and making comparisons about what it was like to live in different strata of society. We will also discover more about the origins of the Olympic Games for which the children will carry out their own research over the half term holidays.

Our Greek Day will take place on Tuesday 7th February. The children will enjoy taking part in a variety of activities such as being an apprentice and making goods to sell, gossiping in a Greek market, eating Greek food, role playing the Battle of Marathon, entertaining guests with songs and plays and even, perhaps, sentencing a slave or two to death! Information on the costume they will need for the day will be sent home but if there are any questions please contact us. We will need some parent helpers for the day- we are sure you will enjoy it as much as the children and will send more details soon.

There are some excellent websites about Ancient Greece which your child might find interesting. The best ones are:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ancientgreece/main_menu.shtml

<http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk> (The British Museum)

Design & Technology and Art

'Mazes' - this topic links to our work on the Ancient Greeks and the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. The children will design and make their own mini labyrinth. They will learn some simple wood work techniques - including how to use a saw safely! When we get started on the practical aspects of this topic help from parents would be much appreciated; we'll send out an SOS nearer the time!



PE



Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit each week and that each item is clearly named. Please remember that long hair must be tied back and earrings removed or covered up. We will be following a gymnastics unit and Tag Rugby.



Music

Music will be taught on a two weekly basis by Mrs Harrison, Head of Music at St Mary's. Topics covered will be practised and reinforced on the alternate weeks in class. Our topic this term is on the theme of 'Animals'.



French

Madame Farrington will be teaching French and lessons will be reinforced regularly.

We are sure your child will be keen to share their new skills at home. The topics we are covering this term are:

- 'On fait la fete' (Celebrations) in which the children learn language relating to celebrations of special occasions and of their achievements in activities and games. They also learn to say the name of the month in which they celebrate their birthday.
- 'Portraits' in which the children learn the names for the main parts of the body and describe colours. They ask and answer questions about physical appearance.

Homework

In line with the school policy on homework this term we will be sending homework as follows:

- **Reading:** as mentioned above, please ensure that your child continues to read at home and hear them as often as possible. Every evening for at least 10 minutes would be ideal. Please ensure that you complete their Reading Record book by commenting daily and signing it at the end of each week. It is also beneficial if you read to your child whenever possible.
- **Spelling:** homework will be given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday. The children have been taught to practise spellings using the 'look, say, cover, write, check,' method and other spelling strategies. In class we will also be revising and consolidating their phonic knowledge. Thank you for supporting your child with his or her spelling homework.
- **Maths:** it would be greatly beneficial to your child if you continue to practise and consolidate basic skills (please see Maths section). We will continue with times tables test on Fridays, see you child's book for the tables they need to learn - please make sure they learn the division facts along with the multiplication facts. Further to this they will continue with their maths workbooks which will support their learning in class. This will usually be given out on a Friday and can be completed at any point during the following days, returned the following Wednesday.

Timetable

Here's a **sample** copy of our weekly timetable so that you can see how our days are broken up. No two weeks are the same however so please look at the notes below for guidance on when your child is doing particular activities.

	8:45-9:20	9:20 - 10.25		10:40 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00		1:10 - 2:15	2:15 - 3:20
Monday	Spelling test Literacy		Assembly	Guided Reading	Maths		Computing	PE
Tuesday	Assembly	Literacy		Guided Reading	Maths	SCIENCE		
Wed'day	Assembly	Literacy		Guided Reading	Maths	History	RE	
Thursday	Literacy		Assembly	<u>Guided Reading</u>	Maths	<u>GB3</u> Guided Reading <u>H3</u> PSHCE	Swimming	
Friday	Timetables test	Literacy		Guided Reading	Maths	Assembly	GB3 -PSHCE H3 -French	Golden Time

H3

PE - Tuesday

GB3

PE - Wednesday

Important Dates

- Greek Day Tuesday 7th February
- Parent Consultations 1st/2nd and 8th/9th February

Keep checking the weekly letters and monthly newsletters for any new events or changes.

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time and support to hear children read in school and for other activities. It is very much appreciated.

Finally, thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading, spelling, maths and other projects at home.