

Barleyhurst Park Primary School

Year 3 Monkeys



Autumn Newsletter 2024

'We try our best, we swing to success.'

Welcome Back!

Welcome back and welcome to a new school year. I am very excited about being the Year 3 teacher and meeting the class that I already know from when they were in the Foundation Stage class. What a privilege to continue their learning journey with them! Mrs Grimley will be our teaching assistant and Mrs Heron and Miss Savill will be helping in class part of the time, too. Miss Bailey will cover my PPA time on Tuesday afternoons.

I hope that the children have had a fun and restful summer holiday and that they are ready for an exciting first term of learning with us!

Topic



Our first topic will take us back in time to Ancient Greece!

We will learn about the landscapes, climates, people and the gods who were such an important part of everyday life. Pupils will use their research to produce fact files packed full of interesting information and to create their very own ancient Greek pottery. In our first week back, we will be taking part in a Greek WOW

day where the children will be eating Greek food and will be taught traditional Greek dancing by a professional Greek dance teacher!

English and Maths

Our first lessons in English will be a consolidation of the sentence level work that the children completed within their time in Year 2. Our first book study will then commence, and I know the children will love the story! We will be reading 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' and focusing on the genre of mystery stories. At the end of the unit, the children will have the opportunity to write their own mystery story.



In Maths, we will begin the year with a heavy focus on numbers up to 1,000 and how we can compare, order and partition them.

During our Science lessons the children will be learning about Healthy Eating and an active lifestyle. This will be supported by **our PE sessions, which will take place on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays**. For these sessions, your child will need to come into school in a full PE kit of shorts, t-shirt and suitable outdoor footwear. As the weather gets colder, they may also need a sweatshirt or tracksuit. We also ask that all pupils with earrings bring in micro pore tape to cover their jewellery as we do not have any in school.

Italian



Ciao ! Come stai?

The children will also start learning Italian with me, which will continue in Years 4 and 5. I cannot wait to introduce them to the Italian culture and customs as well as speaking, reading and writing in Italian. The emphasis will very much be on communication skills and making comparisons with our own language.

Pupils will be set English and Maths homework on Thursdays. Spellings will also be set each week and a test will be held on Fridays. We would appreciate it if you could continue to fill in the reading log every time you hear your child read this year. I love to reward the children who make the effort to read at home.

We are always happy to discuss any issues that may arise during the term which you feel we need to be made aware of. The happiness of all the children in our care is of utmost importance. If you need to speak to me, I will be available after school most days but alternatively please phone the school office to speak to me and I will call back as soon as possible.

I hope this newsletter gives you some insight into what we will be doing this term. I am very excited about the year and can't wait to get started.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wheeler