



## Welcome to the Spring Term in Year Three

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below some information about the spring term in our class that you may find useful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My email address is [r.shields100@st-annes-pri.durham.sch.uk](mailto:r.shields100@st-annes-pri.durham.sch.uk). I will strive to get back in touch with you the next day.

- PE for our class is on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. The children can come to school in their PE kits. In the winter, that needs to be dark jogging bottoms, blue T-shirt and School sweatshirt. No logo tracksuits please. If you wear studded earrings these need to be covered up at home before school commences. *(It's easier to leave all jewellery at home.)*
- Homework will be given every Friday (English one week, maths the next).. Homework should be handed in by Wednesday please.
- Reading books will come home each night and should be in school every day. Accelerated Reader quizzes can be undertaken in school as the children finish their book. We will be checking the children's reading records on a Wednesday and looking for at least three signatures to verify that the children have read at home. It would be very useful for the children's oracy and intonation skills if they listen to their adults read to them as often as possible. It's also a great way to settle down at bedtime.
- Spelling lists will be given weekly on a Monday for a test the following Monday. Please help your child to learn their spellings so they are comfortable when doing the tests.
- Times table tests will take place each week on a Tuesday. Tables are learned on an individual basis and any help you can give your child to recall the facts accurately will help to build their confidence. We will begin with our 2 times tables. You need full marks on 12 questions in 2 minutes on 3 consecutive tests before you change your tables. Times Table Rock Stars is an excellent resource <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> and login details will be made available from us if you would like them. Hit the Button is another great game to help with learning times tables <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> no login required.

This term we will be learning about:

Literacy	Text The Pied Piper of Hamelin by Micheal Morpurgo Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx Joe Todd Stanton We will be writing in role, adventure stories, Riddles (Poetry), Explanations and looking at Persuasive Texts.
Numeracy	Multiplication and Division, length and perimeter, Fractions, Mass and Capacity
Science	Rocks and Soils, Light and Shadow
PE	Dance, Volleyball
Art	Ancient Egyptian Scrolls
DT	Computing Link Wearable Technology ideas
History	<b>Ancient Egyptians What are their achievements? How do we learn about an ancient civilisation?</b>
Geography	<b>Rivers</b> – Study the River Wear and comparison with the Nile in Egypt.
Music	Ukueles and singing
RE	What can we learn about Christian symbols and beliefs from visiting a church?  Palm Sunday
Spanish (KS2)	Greetings/ Numbers 1-15/ Colours/ Months
Computing	Introduction to Purple Mash, Digital literacy linked to History and Geography Topics, Branching Databases
PSHE INC. RSE	Taking on Challenges, Self Regulation including Listening and following instructions. Zones of Regulation

Further information about the curriculum content can be found on our school website.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Shields

