

Dear Year 3 parents

Welcome to an exciting first year in Key Stage Two. We are pleased at how quickly the children have settled down to a new set of routines, a new set of adults and new expectations. Our topic this half term is '¡Hola!' and we have planned a set of activities to help the children understand what it would be like to be a seven or eight year old in Spain.

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Supporting your child at home

Please read regularly with your child each week focussing not only on fluency but comprehension skills as well. There will be weekly spell checks. Spelling lists will be posted on dojo each Monday for a check the following Monday. The words will help the children learn the year 3 spelling rules. For maths, TTRS and Mathletics can be used at home to help them develop their fluency in recall of their table facts. The children will also have a times table test each week and will move to the next set of times tables when appropriate.

In the Juniors, we also give the children a homework grid at the start of every half term. Once you have the grid it is up to you and your child which six activities you decide to complete and when. They can bring completed activities in at any time up to the end of the topic and they will receive 2 dojos for every piece that they complete.

Spanish

As an introduction to this language the children will learn to meet and greet in Spanish and ask and answer simple questions e.g. '¿cómo estás?', '¿cómo te llamas?' and '¿cuantos años tienes?'.

English

This half term, we will be reading 'An Alien in the Jam Factory' a story by Chrissie Sains.

Over the course of the half term, we will be writing a simple persuasive text in the form of a tourist guide for visiting Seville, Spain. We will be exploring examples, highlighting key features and language used.

Physical Education

Children need their PE kits on Tuesdays for gymnastics when they will be working towards British Association of Gymnastics Awards. Games takes place Friday afternoon led by Mrs Buchanan. Once they are brought into school, PE and games kits should stay in school until the half term break.



Science

This half term, we will be looking at nutrition and a balanced diet. We will be finding out more about the different food groups and the nutrients that they contain. We will be looking at food labels as sources of information about what is included in the foods that we eat.

We will also spend some time looking at Autumn fruits and seeds.

Geography

The children will find Spain in the continent of Europe and identify key physical features. They will learn about the three different climate zones in Spain and how these differ from the climate in Stockport. How is life for children in Spain the same or different to life in The UK?

Art

The children will have the opportunity to look at and respond to the work of a famous Spanish artist– Joan Miro. We will be developing our understanding and knowledge of colour theory and colour mixing. We will produce our own art work in his unique style.

Computing

This half term, we will be focusing on touch typing before moving on to looking at Coding. This will be using programmes like 2Type and 2Code.

Design Technology

The children will taste some different Spanish foods before designing and making our own 'tapas', a simple version of Spanish snacks. We will be making and selling these for the harvest fair at the end of October.

Please ensure the allergy information that school holds on your child is up to date.

Mathematics

Children start the year by reading and writing number up to 1000 and partitioning them in different ways, for example into hundreds, tens and ones. We then look at mental and informal written methods to add and subtract. Children should already know their 2, 5 and 10 times table facts. By the end of Year 3 the children should know these together with the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.