

Year 3 – Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer with your family, and we would like to thank you for your generous cards and gifts at the end of last year.

We are excited to kick off year 3 with our 'Through the Ages' topic – this will explore the Bronze, Iron and Stone Ages, comparing lifestyles between the three as well as life now. Please see the topic web on our class page for more information

PE & swimming

Our PE days fall on Mondays and Tuesdays, most Mondays this term will consist of swimming.

Swimming begins on Monday the 14th September (we are booked for 10 consecutive weeks). So, from 14/9 please drop your child to the Brentwood Centre between 8:30 and 8:45 where Year 4 staff will be ready to welcome the children. After the swimming session, we will be getting on a coach to take us back to school. Our second PE session is on a Tuesday afternoon. On both Mondays and Tuesdays, your children should be dressed in their PE kit. (On Mondays please ensure that your child has with them their swimming costume ideally on under their PE kit, a towel, swimming hat and goggles).

Reading

As you all know reading is a critical skill, especially as the children get older and will begin to work more independently. To aid your children in this we ask that you read 5 times a week with them and record this in their reading diaries.

Library: this week your child has visited the school library and will be bringing home a library book to share. Our class will visit the school library each Friday, so if your child needs to change their library book, please bring it into school with it on Friday so it can be swapped for a new book.

Colour banded book: every child in year 3 has chosen a colour banded book from the colour they are on. This book is at their current level so they should be able to read this one fairly independently. The children are free to change this book during registration time as and when they need to.

Fluency books: By the end of next week, the children will also have been issued a new Wandle fluency book. This book we will also be reading in class – these books follow on from the phonics books they used last year and bridge the gap between phonics and becoming a fluent reader. These books are developing and pushing on the reader's learning so we will be using them in a repetitive manner to ensure that new learning is absorbed and understood.

Mylearning

You will be able to access this term's mylearning on our class page on the school website. As usual, they have a series of activities that they can complete, but we do ask that reading diaries and times tables tasks are completed and handed in weekly (Fridays).

If you would like to discuss anything further or have any concerns, please find us on the gate after school or email admin@bentley-st-pauls.essex.sch.uk and they will forward the email on to us where we can then answer your questions.

We hope to see you at our meet the teacher afternoon on Wednesday 9th September at 2.50pm.

Mrs Chapman (M-W), Mrs Head (T-F) and Mrs Strange