



Spring 2024 Newsletter

Emerald and Jade Classes



Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and we hope that you all had an enjoyable festive break. It is really lovely to have the children back in school and they have really hit the ground running! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with lots of fascinating learning opportunities. We will continue to keep you up-to-date during Year 3 and hope that you will continue to communicate with us if there is anything you would like to know or are unsure about.

Curriculum

We have got a busy term ahead! Please see the Topic Map for information on this term's curriculum and please come and ask if you have any questions.

Home Learning

Homework will be given out as paper copies every Friday. Please ensure your child completes the tasks set and returns their work by the following Wednesday. Home Learning will always contain a list of spellings to be learned as well as times tables to be practised along with an accompanying task relevant to our class learning.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fantastic resource to support learning as is **Spelling Shed**. If your child has mislaid their account details or requires some support in accessing/using either please get in touch with their class teacher.

Please ensure that your child reads every day and do listen to them and ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.

Please remind your child about our **Reading and Times Table Challenge** and encourage them to practise.

Specialist Teachers

We will continue to have PE on Monday afternoons. Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter. **On Friday, children will be having class teacher led PE - for this they will only require trainers to be brought in with them.**

Our specialist teaching team will deliver music and French on Tuesday mornings and Year 3 will continue their specialist art sessions in the second half of the Spring term every Wednesday afternoon.

Trips

This term we have a trip planned to visit The Muswell Hill Synagogue. Please look out for a letter for information about this.

Punctuality & Attendance

It is really important that your child arrives at school promptly every day to help them settle in to their learning routines. It is also important to be collected promptly.

GATE OPENS: 8.35am

START OF THE DAY: 8.45am

END OF THE DAY: 3.15pm

Attendance is compulsory for all children. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness, medical appointments and absence is crucial.

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions:

Office: 020 8340 4898

Email: office@stmarysn8.co.uk

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime and a named bottle of water.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- We are a strictly nut-free school; please remember this for packed lunches and party/birthday treats.
- We are strictly a latex-free school, i.e. no latex materials including balloons, rubber bands, latex gloves etc.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the Admin Team.

- Wednesday 7th February: Reading & Phonics Stay & Play first 20 minutes after drop-off
- Monday 12th to Friday 16th February: Half term – school closed
- Monday 19th February: Children return to school
- Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th February: Parent Consultations times TBC
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Wednesday 27th March: Easter Procession
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April: Easter holiday – school closed
- Monday 15th April: Children return to school

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the School Office.

Mr Jenkins and Miss Murray - The Year 3 Team