



Autumn Term 2024 Newsletter

Emerald and Jade Classes

Welcome to Year 3

It is wonderful to be back in school and the children have settled in very well to their new classrooms. We are all excited for the year ahead and look forward to all of the learning that will take place. As always, we endeavour to make learning as fun and engaging as possible. We can't wait.

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 accounts will be given out to children in the coming weeks to focus on fluency skills. Children will also be given time in class to familiarise themselves with the platform.

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 talk to your child about our **Reading Challenge** and which books they have read so far.

Specialist Teachers

Your child's specialist music and French sessions will happen every Tuesday, and PE with Mr Oakley on Mondays. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter. PE with class teachers is every Thursday.

Specialist sessions with Ms Lincoln in art will continue. These will be timetabled throughout the year and will begin on Wednesdays in the second half of this term.

Trips

We are excited to take the children on lots of amazing trips this year. This term we will be visiting: The Thames Explorer Trust-Investigating the River Thames. Please look out for a letter with further information.

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 489

Email: office@stmarysn8.co.uk

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Mondays**. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do 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.
- Children in Year 3 are not to bring mobile phones to school.
- 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 18th September: Y3 to Y5 Curriculum Evening 5.45pm
- Friday 20th September: Jeans for Genes Day wear something denim and bring in £1
- Tuesday 22nd October: Y3 River Thames exploration trip
- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November: Half Term - school closed
- Monday 4th November: INSET Day - school closed to children
- Tuesday 5th November: children return to school
- Friday 8th November: individual photo day

*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 do make an appointment via the School Office. We look forward to an exciting year ahead together.

Mr Jenkins & Miss Murray
Year 3 Team