



Spring Term 2025 Newsletter

Emerald and Jade Classes

Welcome back and we hope that you all had an enjoyable 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 another 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 Thursday. 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 continue on Wednesdays in the second half of the spring term.

Trips

This term we have already visited The Horniman Museum to support our Egyptian learning and we will also be visiting The Muswell Hill Synagogue to support our learning in RE. 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 send a named water bottle into school daily.
- 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 (rubber) 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 5th February: PSA cake sale @ RG 3.15pm
- Thursday 6th February: Y3 Jade Class & Emerald Class Assembly 9.10am
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February: Half Term - school closed
- Monday 24th February: children return to school
- Friday 7th March: World Book Day
- Friday 7th March: reading stay and share from drop-off both sites
- Friday 7th March: PSA Bingo Night for adults @ CL 7pm
- Friday 21st March: PSA RG Disco 6pm
- Saturday 5th April: PSA Easter Hunt & Craft Fair @ CL – details to follow
- Monday 7th-Monday 21st April: Easter holidays – school closed
- Tuesday 22nd 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 do make an appointment via the School Office.

Mr Jenkins & Miss Murray
Year 3 Team