

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday. This letter provides information about the Summer Term in Year 3. Should you have any further queries, you are of course always welcome to book an appointment with your child's teacher through the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

23 <sup>rd</sup> May –	End of Term 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> June –	Start of Term 6
4 <sup>th</sup> June –	3W Horton Kirby Visit (information to follow)
5 <sup>th</sup> June –	3CL Horton Kirby Visit (information to follow)
6 <sup>th</sup> June –	3H Horton Kirby (information to follow)
7 <sup>th</sup> June –	Sponsored Swim in School
10 <sup>th</sup> June –	Amherst Got Talent Week
28 <sup>th</sup> June –	Open Afternoon
28 <sup>th</sup> June –	Clubs End
17 July –	Summer Production – Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)
18 July –	Summer Production – Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July –	Sports Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July –	End of Term 6

### Horton Kirby Visits

We are excited to be taking the children on a school trip to Horton Kirby Education Centre. This visit will support our Rivers topic. We will provide more information nearer the time but will require a number of parent helpers for each class so wanted to bring these dates to your attention.

### Topics

This list is not definitive but it gives you a broad outline of the areas being addressed this term. A full curriculum overview of the year can be found on the Year 3 section of the Amherst School website.

- **English:**
  - *Jack and the Beanstalk – fairy tales*
  - *Non-chronological reports (Rivers)*
  - *Rivers Poetry*
  - *The Rhythm of the Rain (Grahame Baker-Smith)*
- **Maths:** Fractions, Money, Time, Shape, Statistics
- **Science:** Plants, Energy (Light and shadows)
- **Geography:** Rivers
- **ICT:** Touch Typing and Animation using Zu3D

### Homework

**Spelling:** Your child will continue to bring home their orange spelling book each week. We will continue to test the children on a variety of words including those related to the spelling rules learnt at school,

high frequency spellings and those from the statutory list. Children should spend at least 20 minutes learning their spellings and should be achieving at least 8/10 in their weekly tests. Spelling books are given out on Fridays and due in the following Wednesday.

**Maths:** Your child should continue to complete one page of their MA book each week. Please encourage them to complete all corrections before starting a new test. If you would like someone at school to help your child specific questions, please leave a note in their MA book or Planner. MA books are given out on Fridays and due in the following Wednesday.

**Times Tables:** The children have made fantastic progress in times tables during the Autumn Term. They complete weekly times tables activities and a more formal assessment at the end of each half term. Please continue to encourage your child to practise at home as it is making a significant difference in their progress. They should begin by learning 2, 5 and 10s, then move on to 3, 4 and 8s before finally practising 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12s. There are a number of really good apps/websites for learning times tables including Times Tables Rock Stars which we subscribe to as a school. If you would like spare copies of the weekly times tables tests carried out at school, please speak to your child's teacher.

**Reading:** Most children are progressing through the books in our banded reading scheme. They are given the opportunity to change their books daily but we understand that as the books become more challenging, they will need longer on each book. We appreciate that many children are now reading independently; however, it is really important that they continue to read aloud with an adult in order to support and check their comprehension skills. The children must record their reading in their planner and hand it in on a Friday. Recommended reading lists are available on the school website.

## School Equipment

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment in school, including a 30cm ruler, scissors, spare glue sticks and black dry wipe pens, and that these are replenished throughout the term.

## Games and PE

Please ensure they have their PE kit at school every day and that all items are named.

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt, shorts and white socks
- Trainers
- **Optional:** Navy blue school sweatshirt and navy-blue jogging trousers for cold weather
- **\*Swimming later in the term:** Swimming trunks (not loose fitting) for boys / one piece for girls; swimming hat, goggles (optional) and a towel for everyone

All classes
Games on a Tuesday (rounders/cricket)
Gymnastics* on a Friday

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Year 3 Team