

Year 3 Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful break. As we begin the Spring Term, we are excited for the busy and engaging months ahead. Our main theme this term is **The United Kingdom**, where the children will develop their geography skills, including map work, and link this learning across the curriculum. In English, for example, we will be focusing on descriptive writing inspired by our geographical studies. Some subjects will continue to be taught discretely when they do not naturally connect to our theme.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the Autumn Term. We hope you have enjoyed the learning topics the children have discussed at home and coming into school to witness a special 100th Nativity performance. The children have settled brilliantly into Solent Junior School and are embracing new challenges with growing confidence. We are looking forward to seeing how they continue to blossom this term.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set every **Monday via Microsoft Teams**, and it should be completed and submitted by the following Monday.

Each week, home learning will include:

- Spelling – this will consist of 10 spellings.
- Multiplication – this will consist of one specific times table which will run for three weeks.
- As a reminder, you can take a look at future spellings and our multiplication schedule by accessing the 'Files' section on our **Teams** page.
- Reading
- A short **LBQ maths task** to review previous learning from class

Times tables and spelling tests will also take place every **Monday**. We recommend practising "little and often" to help the children retain their learning effectively.

Useful links, such as **TT Rockstars** and **Language Angels** can be found on our weekly Teams post. If any issues arise with home learning, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible.



Parental Meetings

Mid-year parental meetings will take place later in the Spring Term. These are **Monday 9th and Thursday 12th February**. Further information regarding booking appointment slots will be sent out nearer to the time.

Healthy Snack Making Day

As part of our Design Technology unit this term, the children will be learning about healthy foods and designing and making their own healthy snack. More details will be shared in the New Year, but we expect this event to take place in **February**.

Swimming

Year 3 will be taking part in a **10-week swimming programme** beginning in January. Sessions will take place on **Wednesday afternoons** for each class.

To help ensure smooth transitions:

- Please make sure your child's swimming kit is **in school each Wednesday**, clearly **labelled**, and includes everything they need, such as swimming costume, cap and towel.
- If your child finds changing challenging, it may be helpful to practise at home.

Please refer to the swimming letter recently sent home for more detailed information.

P.E. Days

Year 3 pupils should wear their **PE kits on Mondays and Wednesdays**. It is important they are suitably dressed for comfort, safety, and hygiene.

Safety During P.E.

- Earrings must be removed or covered with plasters/tape brought from home.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- No watches or rings, please.

P.E. Kit

- Black shorts and/or jogging bottoms
- School hoodie
- House-coloured PE T-shirt
- Trainers

We are looking forward to the children embracing Solent life even more during this term and we hope they enjoy the topics we will cover. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day or contact us via the school office at **solentjunior@thesolentschools.org**. They will ensure your message reaches the appropriate member of staff.

Here's to a busy and fun-filled Spring Term!

The Year 3 Teachers

