



Old Palace Year 3 Newsletter Summer 1

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Year 3 Learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	Computing	DT	RE	PE
Newspapers	Fractions	Food, Glorious Food	Adobe Spark	Structures	Why do people pray	Dance
Persuasion	Mass and Capacity		Music			Football
	Time		African Drumming			

Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

Keeping Safe

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents for your support in following the safety procedures. Please continue to follow the guidance including carrying out twice weekly tests at home. Home testing kits for families with primary school children are available at most chemists and can be ordered from [Schools home test kits](#). Remember these kits are only for use when family members have **NO** symptoms. If you or anyone in your household have symptoms **everyone** in the household must self-isolate immediately must book a PCR test by calling NHS 119 or by visiting [book a pcr test](#)

Please also remember that children should not be mixing outside of school. If you are making use of external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for your children, it is important that they limit the amount of providers/setting you are using, ideally limiting this to just one, to help minimize the number of people their child is coming into contact with. Parents should also check that the provider has in place their own protective measures in line with government guidance. Please see this link to [guidance for parents](#). The school is taking great care to limit contacts within school time, please do not undermine this by allowing children from different households or bubbles to mix out of school.

Pick up times

Starting next Monday 19th April, we are making some changes to our collection time.

If you have children in more than one-year group, they will all need to be picked up at 3pm at the same gate as their morning drop off. For example, if you have a child in Year 1 and 4, both children will need to be picked up at 3pm (instead of the earlier time of 2:45pm).

If you have children in Years 3 and 5 only, then the collection time stays the same (3:15pm)

Children cannot go home with their Year 6 sibling. They will need to be picked up at their designated collection time.

New Covid Roadmap

The government have announced that we are entering step 2 of the road map out of lockdown. This entails the following:



If things go well, step 2 will start on Monday, 12 April.



Shops will open, including:

- hairdressers and nail salons



- libraries and community centres



- zoos and theme parks



- drive-in cinemas



- campsites and holiday cottages.



Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.



You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

Trips

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, trips are not happening this half term. However, as restrictions continue to ease, we do hope to resume swimming for Year 4 and Year 5 students in June and provide and end of year trip for each year group.

Nourish

Our new catering company, Nourish, will be providing our lunches. In addition to a meat/fish and a vegetarian option, the children will also have the option of choosing a jacket potato and topping each day. All children will also receive a hot meal, rather than some years having to have a packed lunch bi-weekly. The new menu has been uploaded to the school website or you can click [here](#).



Assessment and Catch up

Although the government has announced that no SATs will take place this year, we continue to assess the children's knowledge and understanding during lessons. This gives the teachers a greater understanding of the areas the children need to focus on and identify any gaps in the learning. In order to help the children, catch up, we will be having 3 sets for English and Maths and range of other interventions will take place, where the children who need most support are taken out to work in a small group for 30 minutes; one example of this is a reading comprehension group, where children will get extra practice answering questions.

In terms of the wider curriculum, no special support is needed in Science and Humanities, as topics repeat. To catch up in French, Year 3 children will be taught 4 French lessons a week. We will be holding two DT days before the end of term to catch up on this subject and in Music the children will be learning to play the African Drums.

Easter School

We would like to say a massive thank you to the parents who sent their children to Easter School and the staff who gave up their holiday. The children have benefitted greatly from this opportunity. In Maths, they were able to cover the topic of number and in English they were able to develop their reading comprehension and writing skills.

Vocabulary

Every day, Year 3 have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, by taking part in 'Word of the Day'. Below are the words they will be looking at this half term. Help your child to use these words and to check they understand what they mean

Week 2	quibble	burden	limit	accuse
Week 3	capable	candidate	majestic	fragrant
Week 4	incident	irresistible	nusciences	despair
Week 5	brief	combination	opportunity	abandon
Week 6	unreasonable	commit	option	imitate

Half Termly Sheets

Don't forget you can check out our school website to find out about what your child will be learning, use the 'subject for half term' area where you will find useful prompts to ask your children what they have been learning.

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/subjects/>

Topic

This half term, Year 3 will be learning about **Food, Glorious Food**. As part of this unit, they will be looking at different food groups and why we need food. They will learn about healthy eating and what makes a balanced diet. Children will also be looking at how some foods are made and grown. Linked to the growing of food they will learn about soil, pollination and farming.

Homework

Year 3 will receive homework via Google Classroom. These will be uploaded every Friday they are expected to complete the following:

- Weekly spellings
- English Grammar or Reading Comprehension
- Maths

Reading

New Bug books have been allocated for the children to read. Please remind your child to access their account each week to read one of their books and complete the quizzes at the end. Each child also has a weekly library book. These are sent home on a Friday and are returned on a Monday, 10 days later.

Maths

Each child has a times table rock stars account to help them with their time tables. They can log on using their username and password, via the following link.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/45687>

Please email or call the school if you need the log in details.

E-safety

As children are using digital devices to access information and complete their homework, please remember to ensure they are using them safely. For tips and advice on how to do this click [here](#) for a simple guide.

It covers the use of social media (for children 13 years and over), risks of online gaming, and use of parental controls.

Eid

At present, it is predicted that Eid-UI-Fitr will fall on Thursday 13th May. If this is the case, the school will be closed for that day, followed by an inset day on Friday 14th May.

Should Eid-UI-Fitr occur on Wednesday 12th May, then their Eid party at school will be on Thursday 13th May. If it falls on Thursday 13th May, their party will be on Monday 17th May.

