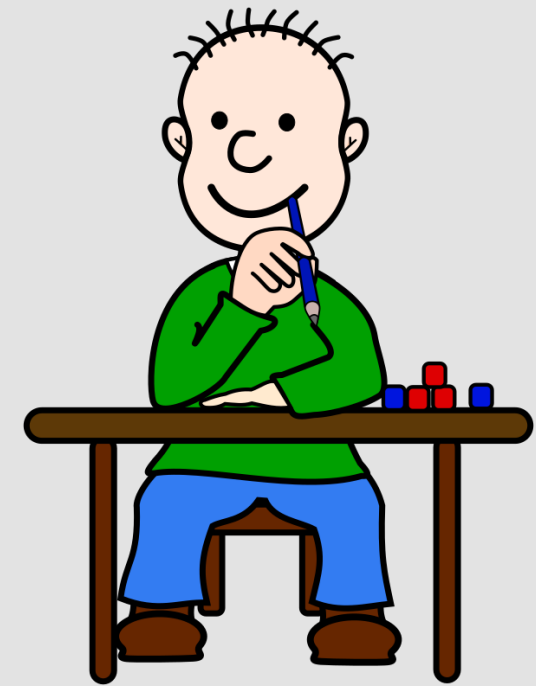


Welcome to the Lower Juniors

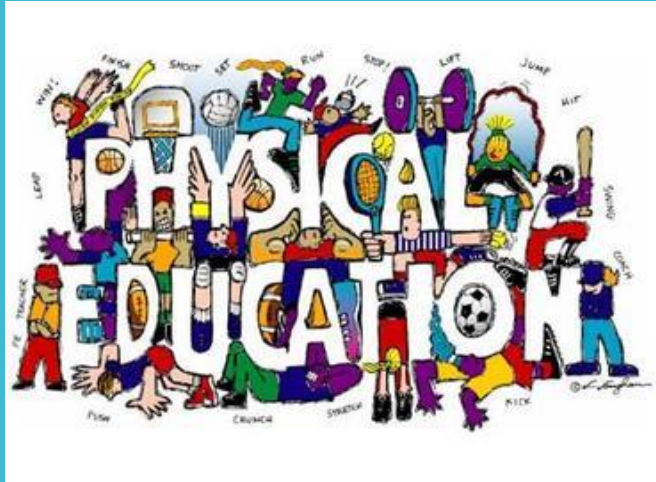


ALL ABOUT YEAR 3





- At the start of term you will be given a grid with lots of different homework activities that you can choose from. You need to return your homework each Monday.
- If everyone hands in their homework on time the class gets a 'Seren yn y Pot' class reward.
- We also have weekly spelling tests. Your spellings for the half term will be glued inside the front cover of your homework book.
- From time to time you will be asked to learn a times table by rote as part of your homework task.
- Please continue to read regularly at home.



Tuesday and Friday are our P.E. days.

We will be doing games outside up on a Tuesday until half term so you will need shorts, t-shirt and suitable outdoor footwear.

During the year we will be going to Buckley baths for a series of swimming lessons. A note will be sent home to let you know when these begin. There is a small weekly charge to cover transport costs. Please ensure that you remember to bring swimming kit on these mornings. Shower gels and shampoo are not necessary as there is only time for a quick dunk under the shower on the way out of the pool!

There will also be cross country sessions around March. Old sweatshirts, joggers and trainers are most suitable and you will also need spare socks in case they become muddy. A note will be sent home in advance.

Reading



- In year 3 every child will read with an adult once a week. The Home-School record which pupils had in Foundation Phase is not used in the Juniors.
- Pupils will take home a school reading book to read at home. They can change these as regularly as they wish as long as their reading card is signed.
- Pupils also have a free choice reading book which they keep in their tray for silent reading times. This can be a book from school or home.
- Please continue to practise the reading books with your child at home as well as reading other books



Topics

The Celts



Our main topic the first term is the Celts. We will be finding out about how people in Wales lived during Celtic times and comparing their way of life with ours today. We will look at some of the evidence they have left behind and think about how this helps us to learn about their lives.

In Language we will be studying senses poems and learning to write recounts before half term. After half term we will focus on stories with familiar settings and studying the format of plays.

We will be carrying out a Design Technology project about packaging and using what we learn to design and make a Christmas box.

Class Trips



In the Autumn term we usually go on a trip to Plas Power in Wrexham to find out about the Celts, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will not be able to do this.

We are hopeful that we will be able to go later in the year. We will let you know when we have any information regarding any trips.

How can I help my child at home?



- Share and discuss books with your child, they may be able to read the text quite accurately but it is still important to discuss what they have read with them. Check their understanding of the texts they read and look up the meanings of any unfamiliar words.
- Help them to learn their times tables. By the end of Year 3 your child should be able to recite and use the 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables.
- There are lots of resources, apps and games now available online. Look for anything that's aimed at year 3 and things that your child enjoys.

How can I help
my child at
home?



Useful websites include

- www.bbc.co.uk/education
- www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk
- www.topmarks.co.uk
- www.mathszone.co.uk

General Information

If you have any concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Coppack & Mrs Cartwright