OLD BUCKENHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR THREE NEWSLETTER

News updates from Old Buckenham Primary School

September 2026: Autumn 1

KEY DIARY DATES

Swimming Wednesday and PE Thursday.

Reading books should always be in children's book bags, and will be changed weekly on Friday.

16/9 Individual School photos and Meet the Teacher

18/9 Youth Mental Health Day – non uniform- wear bright colours

October Black History Month, Walk to school month, ADHD wareness month

1/10 National Poetry Day

5/10 You are Invited -parent drop in to class @ 0830-0855 & Harvest Festival

9/10 World Mental Health Day – Non-Uniform Day-wear yellow

16/10 Black History Month sharing @ 2.30pm in hall

19th- 30th October: HALF TERM

Welcome to Willow Class and Year Three!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead!

Being the beginning of key stage 2, this year we will have a focus on embedding skills children have previously learned as well as deepening our knowledge throughout the curriculum.

Warm regards,

Mrs Emily Luck and Mrs Bronnen Paulson

At Home

Homework: *Homework books with updated log-in details will be given out at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting. Books will go home on a Thursday. Please return it by the following Wednesday. We will use a termly grid which children can complete one piece of work each week in any order. Please practise the Year 3/4 spellings every week.* Reading is a vital life skill and we kindly ask that you hear your child read daily.

Maths: Please use Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars to practise skills. We are learning 2,5,10,3,4,8 times tables.

Writing: Please gently encourage children to hold pens and form letters correctly.

PE: Please can children wear their PE kit (white T-shirt, dark shorts/tracksuit trousers, school jumper) to school on **Thursday** and must bring **swimming costume, towel, hat and goggles** on **Wednesday,** with long hair tied up and no jewellery (earrings must be removed or taped).

Equipment: All belongings should be clearly labelled. Children **must** bring a bottle of **water** to school. Fruit for breaktime is ideal. A coat for cold weather and suncream applied when sunny. Children should bring their book bags and reading books in daily.

Our Lessons: Curriculum Information

Reading - In Year 3, our children start Whole Class Reading Lessons. We develop skills particularly in reading fluently with a focus on vocabulary. This term we will be using the books, 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' by Drew Daywalt and a biography of 'Martin Luther King'.

Writing - We will continue using 'The Write Stuff' for our writing lessons. We begin the year with the non-fiction unit 'My Strong Mind'. This is a super introduction to the skills required as we develop and grow. We have a strong follow up with the short Pixar animation 'The Blue Umbrella' to generate narrative writing.

Spelling- In Year 3 we begin the Year 3/4 statutory spellings.

Maths – Place Value and addition and subtraction. This unit of work we learn about numbers to 1000 which gives a strong foundation to following units this year. We follow this with a unit of addition and subtraction up to 100.

Science – Animals including Humans. A flying start to science building on knowledge learnt in Year 2. We take a deeper look at what we need to be healthy and all about skeletons and muscles.

RE – Hinduism Divali Children will be focusing on answering the following learning question: Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?

PSHCE – Being me - We will be learning how we value and respect ourselves and those around us.

Geography- In our lessons we will be trying to answer the question 'Why do some earthquakes cause more damage?' We will be developing our map skills, our ability to use a range of sources to analyse and draw conclusions. We will be learning how to compare and contrast data.

Art – We begin with a short unit of work on self portraits and follow with a close look at 'gestural drawing' using charcoal.

Computing – Our unit this term is Computing systems and networks. Connecting computers and our online safety is about self-image and identity.

French – Our children start learning French with Unit 1 'Bonjour' where we introduce the children to ways of saying hello and introducing themselves, counting to 20 and colours.

Music- We will be listening to and learning to sing the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly' and appraising different songs each week.

PE – We will be learning multi skills on Thursdays which includes elements of balance, agility, speed and control. We will be swimming on Wednesdays.

Contact: If you have any queries or concerns, please do speak to me at the end of the school day. Alternatively, email using Year3@obps.set.education