

Year 3 Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome back to school!

I am thrilled to be back with you all and see how much you have grown and changed since I was with you in Year 1! I missed you last year!

Welcome to Key Stage 2! It will be new for all of us and I am excited to share with you all the fun learning across the year. Year 3 will see us start our Spanish lessons, swimming and much more!

Most of you know me very well, but please as always, remember you can always get in touch if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can drop me an email on dtcyear3@tudhoe.colliery.co.uk or call the school office on 01388 814 399.

End of Day pick up

Pick up this year will be at the side gate on the yard. It is at the bottom end of the yard next to the MUGA. Children will come out of our classroom door and we will meet you there at 3:30pm.

As always children will only be dismissed once a member of staff has eyes on the child's adult.



Water bottles

All pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. Please ensure bottles are a **standard shape and size**, as this allows them to fit properly into the insulated pouch inside their chair packs. Large insulated bottles or cups are not suitable – they damage the chair packs and children will not have access to seats.

Please also ensure they are clearly labelled.



Reading



Reading remains an important part of the children's learning and is built into their daily routine. In Year 3, children who are no longer on the phonics programme will receive a reading book from our school library. This book will be signed out to them and should be brought into school **every day**.

Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring in one healthy snack for morning break. This can be a cereal bar or piece of fruit.



PE

Our PE day for the first half term will be **Tuesday**, when the children will be working with a PE coach.

PE uniform

- A plain red t-shirt and red school jumper/ cardigan/ zip-up
- Plain black/ grey bottoms (shorts, joggers or leggings)
- Trainers

Children will still come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed / covered.

Homework

Phonics / Reading: Phonics books are changed regularly. Off group books will be changed when needed. Please ensure children have their books every day.

Spellings: homework books are collected every Monday, marked (1 or 2 points), new stickers added and then sent back out the same day.

TTRS – Accessing Times Tables Rock Stars will really help with the children recall of their times tables.

What is my child learning this term?

Subject	Topics	Key Vocabulary		Key facts
History	Stone Age to Roman Britain	Chronology Nomad Archaeologist	Pre-historic settlement Empire	There are different historic periods in the history of the British Isles. We learn about history through archaeology – studying remains and artefacts from the past.
Geography	Mapping Europe	Continent manmade features physical features	country atlas border	We live in the continent of Europe. Maps show us physical features of Europe. They also show manmade features such as roads and bridges.
Science	Animals including humans Forces	Nutrition balanced diet push pull momentum	nutrients skeleton force direction	Animals including humans need the right nutrition. Animals have skeletons to provide support, protection and shape. A force is a push or a pull. Forces can start, stop or change the movement of an object.
RE	What can we learn from the story of Saint Cuthbert?	Saint monk hermit compassion	faith pilgrimage Lindisfarne kindness	St Cuthbert was a Christian monk and bishop who lived in the 7 th century. He lived at Lindisfarne (Holy Island). He taught people how to live a good and kind life.
PSHCE	Making friends: playing and learning together & Mental Health and Wellbeing	Rules friendship consent distraction unhelpful thoughts	fairness bullying feelings helpful thoughts reactions	Friendships should make us feel good. We all have different qualities and strengths we bring to friendships. Talking about our feelings is important and helps us feel better. Looking after our body and mind is important.
Art	Self portraits & Still life	Frida Kahlo expression object pattern	features proportion observe texture	A self-portrait is a picture or artwork that we create of ourselves. Still life is a picture of objects that do not move.
DT	Shell structures	Structure model packaging stability	design shape strength	A shell structure is a hollow object that protects or holds something inside. They are often strong but lightweight, such as boxes.
Computing	Email & Route planner	Communication compose Commands algorithms	respond attachment route code	Emails allow us to send messages and files quickly to other people using the internet. A route planner helps us find the best way to travel from one place to another.
PE	Autumn 1 - PE coach Autumn 2 - Dance	Games turn taking Expression prop	rules teamwork improvisation rehearse	It is important to understand rules to play games safely and fairly. We must work together in team games. We can express ourselves through dance and tell stories when we move our bodies. Props can help us when we perform.