



Shenington Church of England (VA) Primary School

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Dear Class 3 Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the festive break and are ready to enjoy another term. Just a reminder that the children come into school for registration at 8.45 am.

Timetable

All of the children will have a copy of our weekly timetable for this half term located in their reading diary, and a copy will also be displayed in the classroom.

PE

Dance is on a Thursday and is led by a professional coach.

Please make sure children have trainers and PE kit in school Monday to Friday.

Children also need their Forest School Kit on Thursdays. Waterproofs and wellies/walking boots/waterproof shoes are essential. Swimming is at Spiceball Leisure Centre on Wednesdays, every week throughout the term for Year 3 children. Please ensure all children have a towel, swimming hat and costume with them. Goggles are allowed only when a permission slip has been sent, and children may be required to remove them for certain activities.

Spellings

Children look at spellings on a Monday, based from words generated from the National Curriculum, they will contain different letter strings or patterns which the children can further explore. Thank you for your help and support with learning these. Please let me know if you think that your child may need a different list of words for any reason.

Homework (Guidance 20 minutes, plus 15 mins of reading).

- Monday - Literacy activity to be completed for Wednesday
- Tuesday – Please write spellings in homework books then take time to learn spellings for following Monday's test using Look/ Say/ Cover/ Write/ Check. Spelling tests will be on Monday and self-assessed before being checked by myself.
- Wednesday - Maths activity to be completed by Friday.
- Thursday - Children to select 2 or 3 times tables – one or two to revise and one to learn. Write them out in homework books ready for Friday.
- Friday - Topic research / comprehension to be completed by Monday.

In addition, the following may also be given, from time to time:

- Topic related research
- Science activities
- DT modelling

The children are asked to complete their homework in their yellow Homework Books, which travel between home and school each day, this provides you with ongoing feedback about your child's progress. Similarly, you will also be able to access their spelling books each day, so you can see their new words and check on their progress in their weekly tests on Mondays.

As part of the children's development and maturity we often use peer marking where children initially review/mark each other's work. This is then always checked by a member of staff, in most cases myself.

NB: We have the system of using homework diaries in school, which works really well. The diaries are needed in school each day. Please continue to sign the diary each week in time for Friday, when

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we will look at them. If you need to write a note about homework, please pop it in the corresponding homework book. Thank you for your helpful comments, these really help the children to become more organised.

General

Please do not hesitate to come and chat with us if you have any concerns. We always welcome any feedback.

The children have their targets for Literacy and Numeracy.

Targets

We are continuing with our target system. Children will have target cards for Literacy and Numeracy. They will be awarded their certificate as they achieve their targets in our award assemblies. The target system is as follows:

First target	1 target
Bronze	10 targets
Silver	25 targets
Gold	50 targets
Platinum	70 targets

We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming award assemblies, as your children achieve their certificates.

Many thanks,

Tamsin Donovan
Class 3 Teacher