

Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Tuesday 2nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Leybourne! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday.

The children have settled back into school routines really well this week and have adapted to life in Key Stage 2 brilliantly. The Year 3 Teaching Team has been so impressed with their enthusiasm, effort, and behaviour. They have worked hard across all subjects, and it has been a real pleasure to see. We are confident that the year ahead will be an enjoyable and successful one for everyone!

Breaktime Snacks



As the children are now in Key Stage 2, they are no longer provided with fruit through the government scheme. If you wish, you are welcome to send in a piece of fruit, some vegetables, or a small portion of cheese for your child to enjoy at break time. Since lunch is not until 12:30 pm, the children can get quite hungry by then! We also kindly ask that your child brings a **named water bottle** to school each day.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of us.

PE (Monday and Friday mornings)

For our PE sessions this term, we will be focusing on developing hockey and cricket skills. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school, including tracksuit bottoms, shorts, a T-shirt and trainers. It is very important that every item of clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name. We already have an unclaimed—brand new—pair of shorts in class without a label!

Times Tables

Our times tables tests will take place on **Thursdays**. Once the sheets are marked, results will be sent home with the children.

We have started by teaching and testing the **10 times tables** in class. At first, the sheets may seem quite easy, but this is intentional—we want to build children's confidence and develop quick recall of multiplication facts. Each

week, they will be encouraged to improve their speed and accuracy, aiming to beat their own personal best.

Practice sheets will be sent home so children can revise what they have learned. There is **no need to return these sheets** to school.

Children will be tested on both multiplication and related division facts. Once they can complete a sheet quickly and confidently, they will move on to the next times table.

The usual teaching and testing order is:
10-, 5-, 2-, 3-, 11-, 4-, 8-, 6-, 9-, 7-, and 12-times tables.

However, this order is flexible. If your child chooses to learn a different times table at home, they may request the corresponding sheet in the next test. For example, if they master the 2 times tables and then decide to learn the 11 times tables, they can move straight on to that test

If you have any questions on times tables, please speak to Mrs Pattanshetti.

Spellings

The children will be taught new spellings each week and tested at the beginning of the week. This gives them the weekend to practise and learn the words. We have not started this yet, but more information will follow soon.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Courtney, Mrs Pattanshetti, Mrs Ward, Mrs Millar and Mrs Webster 😊