



SAINT JOHN'S

January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. We are looking forward to working with the children again. Our key question for this term is 'What impact did Nelson Mandela have on the world?' and the curriculum areas we will focus on are included overleaf.

SWIMMING

This term, we are swimming on Wednesdays (**starting Wednesday 15th January**). Every child will need goggles, girls will need a swimming costume and boys will need swimming trunks (preferably not baggy ones as this makes moving through the water harder). Please could children wear their PE kit and have their swimming costume/trunks on underneath when they arrive at school to make changing easier.

PE

Our second PE session is on Mondays. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. This consists of trainers/pumps, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper and a house PE shirt. New PE t-shirts can be purchased from the school office and cost £2.

Homework

Every Monday, children will receive a sticker in their reading record with their weekly homework activities. These will include 15 minutes on TTRockstars to practise their times tables (www.ttrockstars.com), reading and a maths or English activity. Homework needs to be handed in on Friday but may be handed in earlier if completed. A weekly list of spellings will be given to each pupil to learn. Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Children have access to EdShed (www.edshed.com) which provides interactive games to support the learning of weekly spellings.

Login details for both TTRockstars and EdShed can be found at the back of your child's reading record. For those children without internet access at home, there is the option to complete their TTRockstars in one of their lunch times.

Reading

Children are expected to read at least twice throughout the week at home and their reading record should be signed to confirm that they have done this. We will also write in your child's reading record if we have read with them in school so please ensure that this is brought with them every day. Please try and discuss the reading with your child by asking them questions such as how they think the character was feeling and what they think is going to happen next. This develops their comprehension skills and will impact positively on their progress.

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Class Dojo

We are continuing to use Dojo as a method of communication. We will do our best to respond promptly to any messages but urgent/important messages, such as child absence, should go through the office. We will use Class Dojo to send messages that are specific to Year 3 but please make sure you read the school dojo and the newsletter for upcoming school events of which you should be aware.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing your children flourish this term!

Yours sincerely,

Hope Sanders (Teacher) and Matt Allison (Teaching Assistant)

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