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Rhine Class Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Rhine class! We hope that you and your child had an enjoyable Summer and we would like to welcome you to the new school year. We have had a fantastic first week back in class. The children have approached the new routines with maturity as they start their journey through key stage 2 and become increasingly independent learners.

Topic

Our topic this term is science led **Shine and Grow**. We will be learning all about plants and about light. After half term we will be doing a mini topic on local history. We will be looking at Early Leeds history and finding out where the name Leeds comes from. In geography we will be looking at the characteristics of different settlements.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose maths scheme and starting the year by developing knowledge around **place value**. Later in the term we will move on to **addition and subtraction** and **multiplication**. Alongside daily maths lessons we will be practising maths facts through our **maths passports** as well as learning **times tables**. Year 3 times tables targets are 3s, 4s and 8s. Extra practice at home of maths passport targets and times tables helps to consolidate the learning in school. I recommend spending 10 minutes on these 3 times a week. If you are not sure of your child's maths passport target please let me know.

English

Throughout this term we will be **reading** a range of texts as a whole class, in small groups and individually. Children will continue to be given reading books and reading records, which should be brought into school every day. As children reach the end of the school reading scheme they will be given a library book to replace the school reading book. We will have a weekly **library** session in which all children will be able to choose a book from the school library. To continue to develop their reading children should read at home with an adult for about ten minutes 3-4 times per week.

Writing skills will be applied to a variety of text types, starting with writing our own silly stories inspired by the book "Fortunately, the milk".

Spellings will be set weekly, your child will bring these home in their spelling book and should practise them 3 times per week.

P.E.

This term PE will be on a Monday and **swimming** on a Friday. For PE your child will need a PE kit (black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, a white or purple t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan and trainers). This can be **left in school in your child's locker** and will be sent home every half term.

Forest School

Our weekly forest school sessions will take place on a Thursday. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills as well as applying knowledge and skills learnt in the classroom to an outdoor context. Sessions will initially take place in the school grounds and later in the term we will use local outdoor areas such as **Woodhouse Ridge**. Forest school will take place in all weathers so your child will need to bring a forest school kit on a Thursday consisting of:

- Clothes to stay warm and dry which can get muddy (eg old trousers and t-shirt/jumper)
School uniform is fine to wear but may get muddy!
- Sturdy shoes with a good grip eg trainers, wellies, walking boots

- A coat

Throughout the year **Ms Barley** will be teaching the class Monday-Thursday and **Mrs Hill** will teach on a Friday. The class will also benefit from the support of **Mrs Strange** and **Mrs Woodruff** who are in the classroom all week. On Tuesdays **Ms Virgin** will teach art and **Ms Earl** will teach French whilst the class teachers assess work, plan and prepare for lessons. This term the class will also be supported by **Mr Slater**, a student teacher.

It is important that we work together to ensure that your child is happy and reaching their full potential. We appreciate your support with this. Please talk to us at the start or end of the day if you have any questions or concerns. We can also be contacted via email:

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Ms Barley, Mrs Hill and the Year 3 team.

Monday	PE
Tuesday	Spelling (new spellings will be set)
Wednesday	Library day (bring library book if it needs to be changed)
Thursday	Forest school
Friday	Swimming