

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term at St. Andrew's! It has been lovely to hear about the children's happy holidays and see them returning to school full of memories and fresh enthusiasm!

Our creative curriculum theme this term is '**Our Strength Within**' with the key question: What does it mean to be resilient? This new curriculum theme will have a focus on World War 2 local history and the changes in Plymouth at this time. There will be two themed days in school including a VE Day party and celebration. The curriculum poster overleaf will give you an overview of the subjects taught this term and can be found on the school website too. Our class story this term is Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo. **The Y3 Class Assembly is on Wednesday 12th June.**

### Daily Routines and Reminders

Our daily routines remain the same as the previous term:

- PE takes place every Tuesday and Friday. PE kits must be kept in school and children will change into their school PE kit (white T-Shirt with navy blue shorts). Tracksuits (in the same St Andrew's colours) and trainers are also recommended.
- If your child will be attending a club on a day that is not a PE day, I will ensure that they are changed before their club starts. Clubs commence on Monday 22nd April for 11 weeks & end on Friday 12th July.
- Clubs will take place after school from 3.15 – 4.15pm and places will need to be booked via the school money system. Details will be posted regularly on newsletters.
- Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school – active brains need plenty of hydration!
- Children loved the ongoing homework task last term and we had some absolutely AMAZING homework examples, so this term we will give an optional grid to be completed over the course of the term. Look out in the homework book for the optional homework grid – it will be there in a few weeks time! Arithmetic, reasoning or mental maths tests will be sent home on a Friday, so that you can see your child's score. Spellings and times tables will continue to be ongoing homework activities and tests will take place each Wednesday afternoon. Again, tests and scores will be sent home on a Friday. TTRockstars is a brilliant resource for learning times tables. We use this in school and I would love the children to continue to use this at home as much as possible.
- Spellings are always set on Spelling Shed, as well as being stuck in homework books. We regularly use Spelling Shed in school but please encourage your child to use it at home too – it really does have a significant impact on many children's weekly scores.  
<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>.
- Reading: Encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis because children who regularly read at home generally make excellent progress in school. Books can be changed any time of the week – just get your child to hand them to Ms Turner or leave them in the reading books box.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. With very best wishes from the Year 3 team,

Mr Pope & Ms Turner

