



# Vigo Primary School

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## Welcome to the Summer Term of Year 3

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the term in Year three, where the children have been getting used to being back in school. We all enjoyed our trip to Hilliers Gardens, which introduced our science topic of plants.

This term we are going to be studying the following topics:

- History – Pompeii: what can the ruins of Pompeii tell us about the eruption of Vesuvius?
- Geography – Volcanoes and Naples: What is it like living near a volcano?
- Science (2 units) – Plants; skeletons
- RE – Exploring the concepts of Ritual (baptism) and Devotion
- DT – Structures (rafts)
- Art (2 units) – Animating drawings; printing with the sun
- Computing (3 units) – Branching databases; simulations; presenting information
- Music - recorders
- PE – Rounders, Cricket and Athletics
- Spanish (2 units) – I know how; fruit
- PDL – Relationships; Changing me

To support the children's learning we are looking forward to a visiting science dome, where we will experience what it is like to be inside a volcano!

### What to bring to school

With the warmer weather coming, it is important that all children have a named water bottle in school every day – they will be in charge of filling and refreshing these during the day and will bring them home to be washed. These should be in addition to the drink they bring for lunch. (No squash or fizzy drinks, please.) They **do not** need to bring a pencil case, any toys or notebooks from home, unless pre-arranged with the class-teacher.

### PE days

Year 3 PE days will continue to be Monday and Thursday every week. Please ensure that on PE days your child wears their correct PE kit, outlined on our window posters.

### Forest School

We ask that for Forest School sessions children wear long sleeves and trousers and appropriate footwear, such as boots or wellies. When it is your child's day for Forest School please send them to school in their Forest School clothes, with a spare change of clothes and footwear (does not have to be their uniform) in their bag in case they get wet or dirty.

Australia – no session this term.

Fiji – Summer 1

New Zealand – Summer 2

### Healthy snack and lunchboxes

Children need to bring in a healthy snack, for example: fruit, crackers or **nut-free** cereal bars for breaktime. Please can those bringing a packed lunch from home ensure there is a healthy balance of food and a separate drink.





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We find children are more able to concentrate on their learning when they have a healthy diet and are hydrated throughout the day. Please also do not send your child to school with sweets or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. Some ideas can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

## **Reading expectations**

The expectation for reading is that children read five times a week with an adult at home; we recommend about 10 to 15 minutes with a short chat at the end about what they have read, and for this to be recorded in their reading log. Children are awarded dojos for reading and those who read at least three times in the week have a chance of selecting a new book during Owlets assembly.

## **How you can continue to help your child in Year 3**

- Encourage your child to be responsible for their own belongings, eg. bringing in their reading record daily.
- Take your child to the town library and choose different types of books to read.
- Play games such as Monopoly, Chess, Blokus, Dobble and Scrabble with your child, or role-play going to the shops with real money to support their learning in Maths and English.
- Spend time cooking with your child to practise reading and following instructions and understanding weights and measures.
- Visit local museums to explore the past so they can make to the historical eras being covered in school.

## **What to do if you have any worries or concerns**

If you have any non-urgent learning or personal and social concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with a class teacher, please email through [adminoffice@vigo.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@vigo.hants.sch.uk) or catch them at the end of the school day at pick up. Mornings are a very busy time for teachers as they prepare for your child's learning for the day, so please avoid trying to speak with them at that time.

We look forward to a successful summer term!

The Year 3 Team

