



Scalford C of E Primary School

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Dear Base 3 Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to the year and Team Leonard are really enjoying the new Base 3 children. We have already achieved so much and we know we are going to have a fantastic year. Mrs Leonard has been made very welcome and she is looking forward to meeting a few more of you soon.

The holiday projects were a great success and if you haven't yet managed to pop in and have a look at the displays in school, please do – they look wonderful.

As you may have seen on the planning sheet, our topic thread for the year is 'Africa'. The children are already enjoying this and we hope it will continue to be a diverse and engaging way of approaching the curriculum. We will also continue with our investigations around the village and for those of you new to Base 3 you might like to look at our blog to see the sort of things we did last year. <http://scalford.blogspot.co.uk/>

As well as the two of us, there are several other staff involved with Base 3. Mrs Wigley, Mrs Talbot and Mrs Adams are all supporting children at various times, Mrs Bignell and Miss Moore are both involved with PE, Mrs Musson continues to teach French and Mrs Farrell is teaching everyone to play the ukulele.

On to a bit of house-keeping:

- Homework – we will usually try to get everything onto one sheet. It will be handed out on a Friday and due back in the following Friday. This will include times tables, reading, spellings to learn and something else which will vary from week to week. Spellings are tested on the homework's due date.
- Reading – we encourage the children to read as much as they can, ideally a little every day. This might be to themselves or with an adult. Please encourage the children to record all their reading in their reading records.
- PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but it helps if PE kits are in school all week as there are occasionally other opportunities to get active.
- Gardening – Mrs Adams will continue to take small groups of children to the allotment on a Friday afternoon and when it's your child's turn they should be informed the day before. If it's wet underfoot, it's a good idea to send them with wellies!
- We say it a lot, but please label everything – it's so useful.

Lastly, if you ever want to talk to us about anything, feel free to pop in any day before or after school.

See you on Monday – all packed and ready for our residential!

Pete and Andrea Leonard
Base 3

