



Thursday 6th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 3 autumn term newsletter

We would like to **welcome** you and your child to Year 3; we are **thrilled** to have inherited such a delightful bunch! In front of us lies an extremely busy term, which we are sure will be both challenging and enjoyable for your child.

Attached, you will find a **Curriculum Map** with a brief outline of the work we will be covering this term. We hope you find this useful as you discuss school life with your child.

Please be advised of the following points:-

- **Mr Frost** will be teaching the children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **Mrs Rayner** will be teaching on Thursday and Friday. Mr Frost will be in school on Fridays also to work with Year 6 intervention groups. We are ably supported by Mrs Mitton.
- During our planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) - **Tuesday** morning for Mr Frost and **Friday** morning for Mrs Rayner - the children will have **PE** with Mr West. Please ensure that you child's PE kit is in school for these sessions. Children wearing earring must be able to remove them by themselves, or supply earring tape from home. Girls wearing tights should bring a pair of socks to line their trainers/plimsolls.

Indoor kit: white school t-shirt, red shorts and plimsolls.

Outdoor kit: tracksuit or similar and trainers.

- **Please, please, please** ensure that all items of clothing are **named**, so that we can return them to their rightful owners - and save you the frustration of hunting and the expense of buying more...
- Dinner money should be placed in a **marked, sealed envelope** - please do not give your child loose change. Children may bring a snack for morning play (preferably healthy) or money for the tuck trolley. Toast costs 10 pence and other items up to 50 pence. The children are responsible for looking after their own snack money.
- **Reading records** and **reading books** should be in school **every day**. It will be **hugely beneficial** to your child if you are able to hear them **read regularly** at home. Please record this in their journal. By the start of Year 3, it is expected that children can read accurately and at a speed that is sufficient for them to focus on **understanding what they read** rather than on decoding individual words. Children will be responsible for placing their book in the changing box **at the start of the day**. Book quizzes can be undertaken at home - letter to follow. Children that have read at least 4 times in a week - and have this signed by an adult - will be entered into a draw to win a book in achievement assembly.
- **Spelling homework** will be sent home on a **Tuesday** - to be tested the follow Tuesday. These lists will consolidate the weekly spelling focus covered in class. Spelling folders should be brought to school on Tuesday only, please. Games to support the learning of spellings can be found on *Spelling City*, which can be accessed via 'Curriculum links' on our class page of the school website.
- **Maths homework** will be set most **Fridays** – to be tested/handed in the following Friday – to develop rapid recall of key number facts and develop procedural fluency.

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- Year 3 and 4 need to renew their **painting aprons**. Please could you see if you have any old, oversized shirts/t-shirts that would be suitable. We would appreciate it if you could alter them to fit a child of approximately your child's size (i.e. cut off long sleeves). Please note the apron will be in general use throughout the two classes.
- The **Year 3 class page** on the **school website** will be regularly updated - please familiarise yourself with it. It will contain our class gallery, children's work, links to suggested websites and useful information such as homework tasks.

We will be holding a **Parent Briefing** session on Friday 14th September at 3.45pm. This session will largely consist of us going over the points in this newsletter and providing a little more detail – if required. It will also be an opportunity for you to make yourselves known to us, make us aware of anything you think we should be aware of (although, obviously, we have had conversations with Mrs McCarthy as part of our transition process) and ask any questions.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's work, welfare or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact us. A reminder - in the interest of safeguarding - not to enter the porch in the morning. If you do need to pass on a message, please do so at the office.

We are very excited to be working as team to support your child on their learning journey.

Yours faithfully,



Thomas Frost
Year 3 Class teachers

Wendy Rayner