

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to Year 3!

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I have been delighted with how happily and quickly the children have settled into their new class, demonstrating a super attitude towards their learning. It is fantastic to see them all so enthusiastic and ready to learn. The aim of this letter is to give you an insight into what we will be learning about in the weeks ahead and how you can best support your child. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Autumn Term Curriculum

English

This half-term we will be linking our English lessons to our topic of Chocolate and after half term to The Iron Man. I will be using a variety of texts to engage the children. We will be focusing on using more exciting and varied vocabulary, using paragraphs and headings to organise our ideas, using a more extensive range of conjunctions and beginning sentences in different ways. We will also be focusing on building complex sentences and using commas to correctly punctuate these. We will be writing across a range of genres and particularly focusing on information texts, creating settings and poetry linked to our topic. Handwriting will be a priority this half-term as we learn how to correctly join our writing. When children have developed neat and consistent joined-up writing, they will be able to earn their pen licence to write in a black pen provided by the school. Spelling lists will be given out each week with a weekly test. Spelling lists will be given out every Friday and the children will be tested on the following Thursday. The lists will contain words with a spelling pattern that the children will learn in class and two words from the year 3/4 national curriculum spelling list. Please be advised that spelling homework is only a small part of what we do in class to support spellings. Children will have daily reading lessons and will read to an adult in school at least once a week. The children will begin to take more responsibility for choosing their own reading books now they are in KS2. We will keep an eye on what children are reading but any concerns about their choices please put a note into their diary. Children should read for fifteen to twenty minutes each night. It would be very helpful if reading diaries could be kept updated to help us to monitor how frequently children are reading.

Maths

Key mathematical concepts covered this term include: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and measurement. Children will also be developing their problem solving and reasoning skills. A useful way to support your child at home would be asking them if they could tell you the time in preparation for next term. Children should also be encouraged to practise their times tables as frequently as possible. This could be playing a game on the computer for ten minutes or asking them a few questions on the way to school! By the end of the year, it is expected that children know at least their x2, x3, x4, x5, x10 and x8 times tables and the corresponding division facts. We will have weekly times table lessons in school. I will also set work on Mathletics to consolidate the learning from school. Children's passwords will be put into their reading diaries.

P.E

Children will have two lessons of P.E a week. This term P.E lessons will be on a Tuesday with Mr Bingley and on a Thursday with me. Both lessons will be supported by Miss Bowen. It is very important that children have their P.E kit (suitable for indoors and outdoors) every day as there may sometimes be a change to the timetable. Children will begin their swimming lessons in February. I will write to you about this after Christmas.

R.E

This terms topics are Homes, Promises, Visitors and a World Faith. In addition to our R.E lessons, the children will participate in daily Christian Meditation. The teachers had training on how to do this at the end of last year and last years class really enjoyed the quiet time after lunch each day. At the start of each topic children will be set homework to explore what their thoughts and feelings. This work will go into their R.E books so must be completed at a good standard of presentation.

Homework

Children will be set homework each Friday. This is to be returned to school by the following Thursday, so I am able to mark it. It would be useful if you are able to spend some time with your child while they are doing their work so that you can see what the children are learning and help with any problems they have. I will try to give a range of different types of homework so that it keeps the children's interest. Please ensure that children's homework is completed in pencil and encourage your child to take pride over their work by presenting work neatly and taking care of their book. Children will be rewarded with class dojos for completing their homework. In addition it is very useful to listen to your child read regularly and practise times tables.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns regarding your child. You can catch me on the playground after school or if it is a longer conversation please make an appointment to see me so that I can give you the time needed.