

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Key Stage 2!

As you can imagine, we have had to change some things we do in school, but are still committed to giving the children in Year 3 an exciting time, and can't wait to get started!

Year Three Staff

The teachers in Year 3 are Mrs Davies & Mrs Archer (3HP), Miss Boughey (3EB) and Mr Cadwallader (3TC).

The teaching assistants in Year 3 are Mrs Chorlton (3HP), Mrs Leese (3EB), and Mrs Lakin (3TC).

Explore, Dream, Discover...

This Autumn we are entering The Witching Hour with Roald Dahl's BFG... there's no need to read the book before we begin, but those that have will know what fun adventures are to come. In maths we will be consolidating children's knowledge of place value before moving on to the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We'll explore the world in Geography, peel away the layers of the earth in Science and discover a new language in Spanish lessons. After half term we investigate Ancient Greece and learn to write code in computing class.

Reading Champion Challenge

Reading remains an important part of our school life. We are hopeful that all our children will become champion readers, reading 5 times or more a week.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COVID 19

From September 2020 we will be following Gov.UK guidelines and making a few changes to the way we distribute reading books and will be asking parents to record their child's progress.

Recording reading – this year we will be recording home/school reading in a slightly different way. Parents will be asked to record their child's reading using a paper record. Please enter the date, book, page number reached and your comments onto this. There is also a space for parents to write/type messages to the teacher. Teachers will need to see this record weekly, on a Monday, to check comments from parents and to see which children have achieved the reading challenge for the previous week. If they achieve the reading challenge they will receive a stamp in the circle. Reading records will be kept in a file at school.

For KS2 children who are Accelerated Readers:

- With the absence of reading diaries, your child's home reading will be monitored weekly by your class teacher via Accelerated Reader and a school reading log.
- Each time your child chooses their home reading book, this will be logged at school with the date the book is started and a quiz score once they have quizzed via accelerated reader.
- Your child's teacher will monitor that children are quizzing and changing books on a regular basis.

P.E.

During the first half term, P.E. is on a **Tuesday** for 3HP & 3TC as we have PE coaches delivering Tag Rugby lessons to Year 3. 3EB's P.E. lesson is on **Monday**. On PE days, we are asking children to come to school in full PE kit and remain in PE kit all day.

School uniform still applies for PE kit and consists of trainers or pumps, a royal blue T-Shirt and royal blue shorts. During the colder months children will need a jumper and black or navy tracksuit trousers.

If there is any change to PE plans we will inform you as soon as possible via text message.

Homework

Children will receive weekly "Brain Builders" homework on a Wednesday which needs to be returned / submitted on the following Monday. These will be activities linked to what the children have done in class that week so they should be able to complete them independently.

As a guide the silver homework will be set at Year group level, the gold homework will stretch and challenge our pupils, and the bronze homework will be set at an achievable level for those children working towards meeting our Year group expectations. There is no expectation for children to complete all 3 levels of homework, just the level they have been signposted to. If your child feels confident, then they are more than welcome to challenge themselves to another level.

Following the successful use of the **SEESAW** app for many of our older pupils during lockdown period of the summer term, we have decided to use the same app for all of our home learning. All of Year 3 Brainbuilder homework, will now be set via this app. A separate letter will also be sent to parents detailing how to use the app. Pupils' individual logins will be given to the children on their first week back at school.

Dance Days - Due to Covid Restrictions, all dances will be filmed and sent out to parents during the week of Year 3 Dance Days. Children are to wear their pyjamas to school on the day of their dance day as this will be their costume!

Monday 14th September – 3EB Dance Day

Wednesday 16th September – 3TC Dance Day

Friday 18th September — 3HP Dance Day

Start and end of the day times

3TC – 8.45 - 2.50 – Woodland door

3EB – 8.50 - 2.55 – Next to gym equipment

3HP – 9.05 – 3.10 – Next to gym equipment

Home/school agreement

If you haven't already returned your signed home-school agreement to us, please could you either email it to us or send it in on the first week back. Thank you.

Also, please don't bring in any items from home e.g. pencil cases – the children have everything they need in school. They do need to bring in a named water bottle.

Thank you for your continued support.

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