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Dear Parents and Carers,

## YEAR 3 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Year 3! I have really enjoyed getting to know the Year 3 children over the last week and they have all made such a brilliant start to the year. I am very much looking forward to all the fun topics, trips and activities we will learn about this term and I thank you for your ongoing support with the children in their learning! We are very lucky to have the lovely Miss Pallant supporting us in class this year also.

### Curriculum:

**This term is a very exciting one and we have a lot of great topics to look forward to!**

**Maths:** This term in Maths we will be focusing on Number. This will include place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of all four operations for problem solving and reasoning questions. We encourage daily practice of the times tables at home where possible!

**English:** Our topic in English is currently a surprise for the children. There will be a slow reveal of our books for the term over the next few weeks. The books have been carefully chosen in line with our Power of Reading scheme in order to get the children excited about the book and link it to our wider curriculum!

**Science:** Our focus for the term is Science. History and Geography will be the focus for Term 2. The topic is **Light and Rocks**. This ties in very nicely with some of our English topics and it will link with a trip we are planning to go on later in the year!

**PE:** The children have made a superb start to their learning in PE and our topic for this term is Orienteering and Sports Hall games. These will include games that use hand-eye coordination such as Netball and Football.

**Art:** I am really excited about Art this term and the children will be focusing on '**Colour**' and '**Landscape**' linking with our Science topic and our English topic.

**PSHCE:** The focus in PSHCE will be '**Beginning and Belonging**'. This will cover areas of social and emotional health where the children learn about what it means to 'belong' in different social settings. This will be useful for their transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2.

**Computing:** The children have been introduced to the concept of '**Digital Literacy and Online Safety**' and we will continue to make this our focus for Computing.

**RE:** We will be asking questions about what the Bible is and what its purpose is. The children will have a deeper understanding of the role the Bible plays in the Christian community, and how it is important within our school community also.

**Music:** With Mrs Dearlove, the children will be learning all about '**Rhythmic Patterns and Notation**' this term. This will help them understand simple musical phrases within a larger piece of music, as well as recognize key notes, symbols and bars within certain songs and melodies.



### Autumn/Winter Uniform

The summer is soon over and it is important your child comes into school wearing the appropriate uniform so they are prepared in case of the cold (and often rainy!) Autumn weather. Please ensure your child comes to school in their school blazer, or with a suitable navy blue or black raincoat just in case. It is vital that your child's full name is on a label inside their coat so if it were to go missing it can be returned to them!



### Water Bottles

Now your child is in Key Stage 2, they are allowed to bring in a named water bottle for use in the classroom. The water bottle must be a reusable bottle (not plastic!) with a fitted lid/cap so you're your child has access to a water bottle throughout the day!



### Reading Record Books

The children will be given their reading records and an appropriately levelled book in the first week of the Autumn Term. These books are to be read at home and preferably with an adult for at least 15-20 minutes a day. This is important for the children to keep up their comprehension and inference skills. Positive comments on your child's progress with the book. Thank you for your ongoing support with the reading at home. Please check in your child's reading record book for the book change day.



### Indoor and Outdoor P.E:

Indoor PE will usually be on Monday afternoons. Outdoor PE will be on Thursday afternoons. Please therefore make sure your child has appropriate footwear and a complete PE kit for both sessions. We advise children bring in their PE kits on Monday and leave these at school for the week, possibly taking them home on Friday to wash and be ready for the following week.



### Punctuality and Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to arrive at school on time every day. Remember to line up as soon as you arrive in the morning. Please be reminded that any child who arrives after 9.00am is marked as late. Let's keep up our good punctuality!



### Homework

Homework will be sent out on Wednesdays this term, and it is expected back in on the following **Monday**. This allows enough time to complete the homework pages so please ensure homework is handed in on time.

**Key Date:** Year 3 Parent's Welcome Meeting 3:40pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

With best wishes and many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Louisa Courtenay  
Year 3 Teacher

