



Welcome to Year 3 September 2020

Hello and welcome back to Year 3 children and parents. It is so lovely to be back in the classroom with you.

This newsletter will give you a little more detail about day to day routines and the curriculum in Year 3.

Staffing:

I will be in class everyday with the children, except for Thursday afternoons when Mrs Hughes will be there to teach the children French and Art or DT. We will also be joined by Mrs Curran every morning and afternoon.

Day to day:

P.E. will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure comes into school wearing their kit for these days. Wednesday's lesson is outside so if you would like your child to have a hoodie, tracksuit and trainers for that day they can wear that on top of their P.E. kit. If the weather is not suitable for an outdoor lesson, we will do an alternative indoor physical activity in the classroom.

Your child will only need to have their reading book in school when they have finished reading their book. We will change these when we feel they are able to read it fluently and show a good level of understanding.

Homework:

Reading and times tables practice should be completed daily. Times tables can be practised in a range of ways-a great way to ensure your child is confident is to test them when they least expect it! Multiplication.com has great games but nothing replaces reciting and rote learning (off-by-heart). Mix up the order too. Check-out the clock face method which I have shared on Seesaw, it is a great way to incentivise them but they must be able to recall the facts almost instantly without counting up through the rest of the tables. In Year 3 they need to learn 3, 4 and 8 times tables but we will start by checking 2,5 and 10 first. Spellings will be given via Spelling Shed. Tables will be tested on a Friday and Spellings on a Tuesday but they will also be checked regularly throughout the week. Children will also have a personalised spelling list of misspelt words from their independent writing in school as well as learning the words from the Year 3 scheme.

Please encourage your child to adopt good pencil grip and letter formation when writing-spelling practice is a great time to do this and helps them learn the pattern of the word. Teachhandwriting.co.uk is a very useful website for supporting this.

Knowledge organisers will be used to support learning across the curriculum. Please help your child to learn the relevant facts.

Occasional 'talking' or topic linked homework may be put up on Seesaw, depending on the learning needs.

Queries and concerns:

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Thank-you for your support.

Mrs Cooper