

Welcome to Year 3!

Year 3 is a big step for the children as they are moving from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 and Mrs Basu and myself are really looking forward to taking them on this journey. The children are encouraged from an early stage to gain independence by organising themselves and taking responsibility for their own learning, for some this is a very difficult task. The way that you can help your child to do this is by allowing them to take more responsibility with their homework, their reading books etc.

PE & FOREST SCHOOL - It is important that the children have a full PE & Forest School kit. Children can wear their PE kits into school on their PE days (they need to bring their uniforms with them in a bag to change into). PE kits can then be kept in school and I will send them home with the children the night before. The class will be split in half for Forest School sessions and they will have their session on alternate Wednesday afternoons with our Forest School leader Mrs Simons. On the weeks that they do not have Forest School the children will have Music with Mr Lee & RE with Miss Nolan. PE will be with Mrs Finlay and these lessons will take place on Tuesday & Thursday mornings (please see the topic web for further information).

READING: Children should be heard to read at least 3 times a week at home, for about 10/15 minutes, recording the page number in their reading record. Parents are asked to sign the reading record after each session. We will be listening to the children read regularly in school so it is important that the children have their reading book and reading record everyday. We will also be having weekly visits to the school library so the children can access a wide range of books. I will be choosing a class text each half term to read to the children at the end of the day.

HOMEWORK: Children will be set homework every Friday which must be returned by Wednesday the following week, at the latest. This will take the format of a homework grid and they will be given a learning log (very similar to what they had in Year 2) to complete their homework in. A copy of the grid will be available on the class page of the school website should you need it. Towards the end of the year we will be getting the children familiar with using Google Classroom to submit their homework in preparation for moving into Year 4.

SPELLINGS: These are set every week and children are expected to practise these at home, as well as working on them in their class spelling sessions. These spellings will be reviewed in school every week to check the children's understanding. This may take place in different ways. Each child has a blue spelling book which will contain their spellings. To begin with we will be assessing and reviewing the Year 2 spelling words then moving onto the Year 3/4 spelling words after Christmas.

TIMES TABLES: We will be using Times Table Rockstars in class to reinforce our learning of multiplication tables. The children will be given a login and time on the class ipad to practice their times tables. We will also be having focused sessions 3 times a week in class. It is very important that these tables are worked on at home as they are essential for Maths.

I hope that your child has a brilliant year this year and I am looking forward to working with you!

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