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Loving, learning and flourishing in community

Welcome to Year 3: 2023/24

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our Year 3 families! We have been so impressed with how your children have settled into Year 3 and we are looking forward to a happy and successful year together. We hope this letter will provide lots of important information about Year 3 but please do ask if there are questions left unanswered.

The Year 3 Team

3FH: Mrs Hayes (Class teacher), Mrs Krzyczkowska (Mrs K) (Teaching Assistant)

3ZL/JP: Mrs Lynch and Mrs Parry (Class Teachers), Mrs Plissi (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Lynch teaches 3ZL/JP Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Parry teaches 3ZL/JP Wednesday – Friday.

Your child may be taught by any members of the Year 3 team at different points in the year.

Times of the School Day

We open our doors at 8:40am and enjoy welcoming your children into the classroom. The doors are locked at 8:50am, after which please make your way to the school office. Break time is from 10.20am – 10.40am, when the children will have a morning snack.

The children go into the hall to eat their lunch at 12:15pm, but have a lunchtime play outside from 12:00pm. Once they have finished their lunch, they will go back outside to play. They then have an afternoon break and snack at 2:50pm and the school day finishes at 3.20pm.

Snacks and Water

The children have two opportunities for a snack in the school day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. The children will need to bring in a snack from home for both the morning and afternoon, as the government does not provide snacks for children in Year 3 onwards. Please ensure snacks are brought in a named pot or box. Snacks must be healthy and must not contain any nuts. We suggest fresh fruit or vegetables, but your child may also bring in a cereal bar, crackers or cheese if they prefer. No crisps, sweets or chocolate. Children must also bring in a named water bottle, which they can access and refill throughout the day.

Collective Worship

During the week we have a time of reflection every day. On a Monday and Friday, this is as Collective Worship in the school hall with the rest of the school. We end each day with a reflection time and the school prayer.

Curriculum

Please find attached an overview of our curriculum for the year. Our main topic this term is 'Roald Dahl', which will provide your children with exciting learning opportunities while ensuring key Year 3 learning objectives are met.

PE

Our PE slots for the week are Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Please ensure PE kits are in school on these days. It is essential that all PE kit items are clearly named! Long hair needs to be tied back for PE and earrings need to be removed. If your child is wearing tights, please ensure they have socks in their PE bag. If there is a medical reason why your child cannot take part in PE one week, please let us know.

Reading

While we read in class throughout the week during English and Guided Reading lessons, we aim to read with your child individually once a week. Your child may read either with their teacher, a Teaching Assistant or a volunteer reader. This will be recorded in their Reading Diaries.

Reading with your child at home is essential for their reading development and confidence. We appreciate your support with this and would encourage you to ask questions and discuss the stories, to help develop their comprehension and enhance their enjoyment of their reading. We recommend reading with your child for at least 10 minutes every day. Please record this in their Reading Diary.

Reading Books

Children are encouraged to change their own books and choose appropriate books for their level, however adults will sometimes help with this. Please ensure that any school books are taken care of at home and returned to school in a suitable condition.

Your child will also come home with a book of their choice from the library. This book is to encourage your child's love of reading and expose them to a range of rich vocabulary. Depending on your child's reading level, you may read this with or to your child and enjoy the story together.

Home Learning Activities

Home Learning activities will be sent home on a Friday and will be due back the following Wednesday. This work should be mainly done by the child, but support may be given if required. Your child will be given a Home Learning Book where the tasks are recorded and completed.

Spellings will be sent home (as part of the above) based on the pattern that we have been working on in the week, as well as any of the most commonly used words that your child still needs to learn. Your child will be quizzed on these at the end of each week.

We will be using Times Tables Rockstars to support revision and learning of the times tables, including division facts. The children will be quizzed on their Times Tables weekly.

We very much look forward to a happy and learning-filled year with your children. If you have any questions about the curriculum or any other aspect of life in Year 3, please do ask!

Kind regards,

The Year 3 team