

# **Year 3 Information for Parents**

## **Autumn Term 2021**

Welcome to Year 3!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Summer holiday

The new term has started on a very positive note for the Year 3 class and it has been lovely to see so many smiling faces, eager to come into school and resume learning.

As your child enters Key Stage 2, we will work towards the Key Stage 2 timetable. This includes 30 minutes extra lesson time in the mornings before lunchtimes, and two one hour lessons in the afternoon.

This term will be a busy one and I look forward to getting to know the children and working with them to ensure they achieve the best they possibly can. We are beginning by focusing on daily routines and socialising together, alongside completing assessments.

### **English**

We will be looking at Folk Tales, Biographies, Persuasive Writing and Poetry.

We will be working on improving our reading and comprehension skills, through daily guided reading sessions.

In writing, we will be working on spelling, grammar and punctuation. Handwriting will be a focus and we expect children will begin to join letters correctly, when ready. In English, we will be using books with handwriting line guides to assist the children in improving their handwriting.

### **Reading**

All children will be expected to read each night at home. (I recommend at least 15 minutes per night.) Reading scheme books will be brought home each night. In Year 3, the majority of the children change their own books when they arrive in school in the morning. Please encourage your child to do this to promote greater independence.

Please make sure you record what they have read in their reading record book each night. It is essential that this is brought to school each day.

## **Maths**

We will be concentrating on Place value, Calculations, Problem solving, Shape and Data Handling. Children will also spend time working on mental calculations and complete weekly arithmetic tasks for practise.

The children will learn times tables using our Times Tables Challenge Scheme. We will do this each Friday and if children are unable to complete their sheet within the allocated time then it will be sent home to enable them to practise. In addition to this, we will continue to use Times Table Rock Stars, which children can access at home. (Login details will be stuck into your child's reading record book.) Our aim is for all children to know all multiplication tables facts by the end of Year 4.

## **Topics for this term**

Our topics for the term are there is No Place Like Home and Healthy Humans.

These topics are linked to curriculum subjects in the following way:

**Science** – Healthy Humans

**ICT** – Digital Images / Programming / E-Safety

**RE** – Harvest / Christmas God with us

**Geography** – Our Local Area

**PE** – Gymnastic / Invasion games

**History** – Local Area in the past / History of our school

**Music** – Introduction to Ukulele

**Art / DT** – Drawing & Shading skills / Food for a purpose

**PSHE** – Friendship & Keeping Safe.

## **Homework**

In addition to reading each night the children will have regular homework as set out below. **All written homework should be completed in pencil.**

Tuesday – Maths (to hand in by Monday)

Wednesday – English / Topic (to hand in by Monday)

Friday – Spellings (to be tested the following Friday)

Please let me know if your child finds the homework particularly challenging as all work set will be related to what we are covering in class so should be revision or practise for your child.

## **PE**

We will do PE on Monday afternoons and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that earrings are removed at home on a PE day.

In addition to standard PE kit (t-shirt, shorts and pumps) all children will need to have trainers in school in order to go outside if the weather is suitable.

## **Staff in Year 3**

Miss Manton will be our Teaching Assistant this year. She will be working in Year 3 each day to support groups of children and delivering PE lessons.

Mrs Burton will teach the class Art and RE on a Tuesday afternoons.

I hope your child will have an enjoyable and happy time in Year 3. Please remember if you have any worries or concerns make a note in your child's reading record or contact the office to make a telephone appointment and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Sarah Watson