

Year 3 Parents Information

Tuesday 12th September 2017

Welcome to Year 3

Mrs Hatch

Ms Simon – Wed, Thurs

Mrs Standen – Tues pm

Mrs Heath – daily am

Practical Issues

- The children need three pairs of shoes in school – one pair for outdoors; one pair for indoors; and trainers for outdoor sport.
- PE is timetabled for Tues and Wed. It is helpful if they have their PE kit in school every day.
- Girls must either remove earrings OR bring in tape to cover them securely for PE.
- Mid-morning snack – Fruit/Vegetables only
- Please ensure that water bottles and packed lunch boxes are clearly marked.

Pens/Pencil cases

- Presentation is very important. Children will use pencil only in their books until they achieve their pen license from Miss Cerasale.
- When children have achieved a pen license, they should only use blue pens. Pencils for Maths.
- Presentation and handwriting is equally important for homework.

Reading

- Children will have guided reading time each day at school.
- It is important that they read at home and bring their book to school each day.
- Children need to use their Reading Record and they have also been asked to “magpie” a few words and write them in their log.
- We are organising a Reading Challenge for the children – more details to follow.

Reading Challenge

- The children will be given a reading challenge after half term.
- The challenge is to read at least four books from a variety of genres. A suggested list of books will be given to the children.
- When they complete a book they must carry out four tasks from the list of tasks on their sheet.
- The children also have reading record books and are asked to record words that they can then use in their writing

Homework

- The children will be issued with:
 - A homework diary
 - A reading record book
 - An English homework book
 - A Maths homework book
 - A Learning Log
 - A spelling and sentences homework/school book

Year 3 Homework Timetable

Daily: 20 minutes reading

Monday

Spellings and sentences – test on Friday
Sheet in spelling book (red)

Tuesday

Maths Homework – due in on Thursday
To be done in pencil in Maths homework book
(unless it is a Mathematics task)

Wednesday

Topic homework
To be done in Learning Log

Thursday

English homework
To be completed in English homework book for Monday

Friday

RE / Science homework

Homework

- Children will get Spellings, Maths, Literacy and RE homework weekly.
- Topic and Science will be given when relevant
- In Year 3 we want to get the children used to regular homework and to be in the habit of handing their work in on time. However, we do not want to over burden them.
- Homework should not take longer than 20 minutes per night (plus daily 20 minutes reading).

It is important children get into the routine of:

- Having their homework book and reading record book in school daily
- Writing instructions and reminders in their homework book
- Remembering to take their homework book and instructions home
- Planning time to do their homework
- Bringing homework back by the required time
- Putting homework in the tray and ticking their name off
- Asking parents to sign their homework book weekly

Your help in supporting your children is greatly appreciated

Link with home

- The Homework Diary is also there as a communication link between home and school but they are not looked at daily. If you have an urgent communication for me please send in a letter or note via your child or make an appointment via the school office.
- The class timetable is written in the homework diary

P.E.

- This term the children will be having two sessions of PE by external coaches.
- Football skills – Tuesday pm
- Basketball – Wednesday pm
- Swimming in Summer Term

R.E Curriculum

- R.E. this term looks at The Christian Family & Mary, Mother of God
- Includes looking at Baptism – photos and artefacts
- Looking at The Annunciation, Advent and The birth of Jesus.
- Beatitudes

Character Education

- Stickability – Building resilience and perseverance – growth mindset
- Thankfulness – being grateful, valuing and respecting resources
- Manners – empathy and thinking of others

Music

- Weekly lessons by specialist music teacher learning the ukulele
- Choir is held on Tuesday mornings before school
- Weekly singing sessions led by Mrs O'Brien

Important Dates

Coming up:

Oct 6 – School photographs

Oct 10 - Parent Forum – Phonics and Grammar

Oct 18/19 – Parents evenings

Dec 13 – KS2 Nativity (at Sacred Heart Church)

Swimming in Summer Term

Trips to Celtic Harmony and Advent service at
Westminster Cathedral

Thank You

- Thank you for coming in today. We are very much looking forward to working with and caring for your children in Year 3 in partnership with you.