

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you and your child to Year Three. The purpose of this letter is to share the key information about your child's new class.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays and is to be returned on Tuesdays to supplement work undertaken in class. Every week, your child will receive one piece of Literacy and one piece of Maths homework. Every child has got a new homework book to complete his/her work in. To keep the book safe, there is also a plastic homework bag the book can be kept in.

Expectations

Year 3 is the start of Key Stage 2. With this in mind, the expectations of behaviour and quantity/quality of work produced have increased. In year 3, the children use narrower lines for writing. In addition to this, the squares used for maths are smaller. Furthermore, neatness of presentation, handwriting, spelling and punctuation has a greater focus in Key Stage 2. Your child will also be expected to write their own date and title, which will be underlined with a ruler. Learning in year 3 and Key Stage 2 as a whole is more formal.

Assessment

Formal assessments of children's learning across the Curriculum will take place once every term. However, continual assessments of children's learning will take place every day, from questioning, observing and marking children's work.

School Council

Throughout the school, two children from each class are selected to represent their year group on the school council. Children who wish to participate prepare a speech or presentation of no longer than five minutes, explaining why they would make a good school council member. During the presentation, they will put forward practical ideas for how we could improve school life. Their peers will then vote for who they think will make the best councillor. Hustings for the school council positions will be coming up in the next couple of weeks, so watch out for the letter!

Reading

Please could you ensure your child brings his/her reading book and reading record into school every day.

It would be really helpful if you could listen to your child read as much as possible to help them make good progress. Your child's book will be changed on a Friday. If he/she has finished his/her book before Friday, then he/she can request an early book change.

Rewards

We use dojo points as a reward for good behaviour in year 3. Prizes will be given from the prize-box when twenty dojo points have been earned. Children get rewarded for positive behaviour including: being helpful, producing good pieces of work, tidying up, politeness or working particularly hard. In addition to this, gold star stickers will be awarded for outstanding pieces of work and behaviour.

Each week children receive the class writing, behaviour, maths and good values awards.

Sanctions

The traffic light system operates, as it did do last year. Children will miss part of their break/lunch time for unacceptable behaviour. We also reward good behaviour as mentioned above.

Extra Work

Nessy (for those children who have an account), Times Tables Rockstars and RM Easimaths are all excellent online learning programmes that can be used to supplement class work. Every child has an RM Easimaths and Timetables Rockstars account, so please ensure your child uses these online learning programmes as much as possible.

Swimming

Swimming will not take place at the moment due to Covid-19 regulations. We will let you know as soon as possible if/when this advice changes.

Physical Education in School

Physical Education for Year 3 will take place on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child wears his/her outdoor PE kit to school on this day. We will be going out in all weathers so please ensure your child wears warm and waterproof clothing.

Thank you for reading and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mr Ashburn

