

Summer 2018

Welcome back!

The class 3 team are looking forward to the summer term with lots to look forward to and warmer and brighter weather too we hope! Much of our information is on the school website but do feel free to ask any questions along the way.



Your child will continue to select their own reading books using our AR guided system and we would appreciate it if you can regularly read or participate in 'book talk' with your child. Please try and find time to comment on your shared reading sessions at home and encourage your child to record all texts types (including newspapers, comics, magazines, non-fiction etc) read at home in their usual yellow books. This provides a broad spectrum of their regular reading.

Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and needs to be returned to school the following Monday. Mymaths is the usual format for maths homework – please ask if you have any concerns about logging in. Sometimes we provide links for online games to allow for consolidation of classroom learning. These links are detailed on the homework sheet, stuck into homework books. We intend to provide a real focus on tables learning this term, aiming for quick and confident recall. Year 3 children should be competent in multiplication and division facts for tables 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 and year 4 in all 12 x 12 tables. A booklet with suggested ideas for developing this knowledge will be available for you shortly and, as ever, any additional support you can provide for your child, particularly with times tables and spelling, is really valuable.



PE lessons will usually fall on Thursdays and Fridays but it is vital that all children have a full PE kit in school EVERY DAY. This includes a white t-shirt, navy shorts or joggers, and a pair of outdoor trainers. A navy sweatshirt or jumper would be handy too. When we attend festivals, competitions and school events, it is really nice to see all the children in these same colours - no one stands out, feeling out of place - so please come and ask if you are having difficulty supplying these to your child. Country dancing will be our initial summer focus, leading into athletics and striking/fielding games afterwards. This first half term we will be enjoying our Wild Woodland Learning experiences, when 'outdoor' clothing (wellies and waterproof jackets too) will be required every Wednesday.

As our weather is so unpredictable, it is important that your child continues to bring a coat to school – we still aim to get out in the fresh air even if there are showers. In addition to bringing in a healthy daily break time snack, children should also be bringing in a fresh water bottle daily – this is particularly important for PE lessons and when the weather warms up. Caps become really useful as the summer term progresses.

We are looking forward to some 'extra' events this term, including a fossils workshop, an offsite, overnight outdoor adventure along with the usual annual sports day.

The teaching team in class 3 is as follows:

Mrs Jo Woods will be teaching Monday to Wednesday lunchtime. Mrs Anne Smart will teach from Wednesday afternoon through to Friday. Miss Pooler will be teaching computing and PSHE, and Mrs Ryder will be teaching music and French on a weekly basis. We will continue to be supported by Sue Trott, Lisa Dix and Holly Mercer throughout the week.

We hope everyone enjoys the beginning of the new term and thank you for your continued support.

Jo Woods and Anne Smart