

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Where learning has no limits

Year 3

Thursday 6th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children much better as we go through the year together.

There will be a 'Meet the teacher' session next week on **Wednesday 12th at 2:45 p.m.** when I will be able to answer any specific questions you might have about the changes and settling in procedures for Key Stage 2. If you are unable to attend I will make sure any key information is repeated in a letter or you can speak to me after school one afternoon.

In the meantime, here are a few pointers and hopefully the answers to a few 'burning' questions!

Obviously as this is a very short week we will be concentrating on settling in, finding our ways around the new classroom; meeting the staff and getting used to lots of new expectations!

In English we will be writing short pieces about our plans and hopes for the year together and sharing favourite stories that we can talk about. The children will be bringing home their reading books, on levels as assessed during testing at the end of summer term. We will take plenty of time to get used to the children's abilities through individual and guided reading before we reassess later in the term.

In maths the children will be completing some baseline activities to inform planning and give me a snapshot of where the children are at the start of the year; this is a new strategy and will be implemented throughout the school.

Homework:

This will start next week. I will include information and a timetable with next week's parent letter.

This week please continue to read daily. I am pleased that many children enjoy reading silently 'in their heads' and encourage this kind of reading at home but I would ask that they still read aloud to an adult every day, using their school book, and that this is supported with questions to develop comprehension and inference skills and to check vocabulary.

Pencil cases:-

The children are encouraged to bring in a simple, flat pencil case (it needs to fit in a shallow drawer!) with the following items:-

- Must have:- 2x HB pencils, plain white rubber, 1x short ruler.
- Optional:- Pencil sharpener (shaving collecting); Glue stick, coloured pencils, Handwriting pen (Blue) when 'Pen Licence' is awarded.
- Not permitted:- calculator, scented pens or rubbers, shaped rubbers e.g. fruit or animals!; felt pens. Please try to avoid cases with drawers, pop out bits etc. as they can be a big distraction.

P.E Kit:-

This term the children will have games on Tuesday (outdoor kit), and dance on Wednesdays (indoor kit)

Kit is :-

Indoor: - White T- shirt, Black shorts, black indoor plimsolls, (white/grey short socks to change into if wearing tights)

Outdoor:- White T- shirt, Black shorts, rugby jumper, black tracksuit bottoms, trainers.

Please ensure all kit is complete, named and in school for next week.

Large shopper-style bags (e.g. 'bag for life') are ideal for PE kit. Please avoid backpacks and drawstring bags if possible. Earrings should be covered with surgical tape (to be provided from home), or should be able to be removed by the child themselves.

Finally, please make sure all children have named jumpers, coats and water bottles in school every day. Long hair should be tied back please.

Parent Helpers:- If you would like to help with readers (or another activity) and have a current CRB check I would be very glad to hear from you.

Please let me know in writing or in person if you would like to help and I will confirm as soon as possible.

Food:-

Hot lunches are available from Dolce but are no longer free. The same applies to milk. If you wish your child to receive milk at morning break please contact the office and they will be able to help you.

Children can bring in a fresh fruit or vegetable snack for morning break.

Staffing:-

In addition to myself, we have Mrs Quesnel in class every morning during the week. Mrs Hardy will support in class on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Box covers music on Mondays and Mr Mullins teaches Games.

This term we also have a dance teacher in on Wednesday.

Miss Dobson will be with us all this term; she is a student teacher on placement and will be taking small groups with my supervision.

I hope you will support all the staff who work with your children this year, we are looking forward to a great year!

I look forward to meeting many of you next week,

Regards,

Mrs S Middleton