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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 3

Welcome to Year 3. Whether you are returning to school after the summer holidays or are new to our school, we want to make sure that you have all of the relevant information that you need to know, so that your child can have a smooth start to the academic year.

Teaching Team:

We have two classes in Year 3:

- 3G - Mrs L Gardiner
- 3J - Miss J Jacobson

Throughout the week, we will also be supported by Mrs C Horton, Mrs C Cann, Mrs J Childs, Miss U Ahmed and Mrs C Cunningham.

What to Bring to School Each Day:

All children should come to school in school uniform and with a school bag. Pupils should pack a drink bottle (containing water only) and their reading book and diary. Please make sure all personal items and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the pupils should be wearing proper school shoes, not trainers or boots, during the school day. Jewellery (apart from a single stud earring in each ear) should not be worn. Long hair should be tied up and any hair accessories must be school colours (blue/black or white).

Arriving/Leaving School:

Classrooms open at 08:50 and the children will be completing Start of Day Activities (SODA) during the registration period. Children must be in the classroom by 09:00 when registers are taken.

The school day ends at 15:30 and all children should be collected from the playground.

Topics:

We would be grateful if you could support your child's learning by discussing with them what they have learnt in school. If your child has any items or books that are linked to our topics that they wish to share with the class, these can be brought in to show. These are the only items that should be brought into school to 'show and tell'.

Our first topic is 'The Stone Age', where we will be examining the history of this time period. We have arranged for an educational workshop to take place in October. Further details will be sent home soon.

We will also be exploring the Roald Dahl book "Fantastic Mr Fox" throughout our English lessons. We will be identifying the features of a story and writing our own version of the story in the style of the author.



As part of our Science lessons, we will be learning about rocks and fossils. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore the different types of rocks.

In our Religious Education lessons, we will be learning all about the creation story and how we can look after God's wonderful world.

Physical Education:

PE is an important compulsory part of the school curriculum and it is important that your child has the correct kit in school so that they can participate. PE kit for all children is as follows:

Indoor Kit

- Plain **white** t-shirt (**not a polo shirt**)
- Plain **black/navy** shorts

Outdoor Kit

Trainers (children are not allowed to do PE
Black/navy tracksuit for outdoor games

Earrings cannot be worn during PE and must be removed by the child. If your child cannot remove their earrings, they should not be worn on PE days.

Music:

In Year 3 we are fortunate enough to have an external music provider come into school to teach the children how to play the glockenspiel. The children will be provided with a glockenspiel that they can bring home to practise with until the end of the school year. These will need to be in school every **Tuesday** to allow the children to participate in their lesson. We do not have any spare glockenspiels available in school.

Home Learning:

As a school we believe that family time is extremely important and that onerous amounts of homework impact negatively upon this time. We do however ask children to read regularly at home and also practise their times tables and spellings.

Reading – Daily reading with your child is vital for them to make the expected level of progress, both with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Children who read three or more times a week at home will receive a team point on a Friday.

Multiplication Tables – The government expect all children to be able to recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12 by the end of their time in Year 4. During their time in Year 3, the children will be learning their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. They need to be able to recall these from memory. We will therefore be completing weekly times table tests. More information regarding these tests will be sent out to you shortly.

The resources below should be used to help with the learning of times tables:

- TT Rockstars website – online platform where children complete multiplication challenges to earn digital rewards. The site provides an excellent platform to prepare for the multiplication check.

Spelling – The children will soon be given spellings to practise over this half term in readiness for a spelling test prior to October half term. These spellings are based on the Year 3 common exception words that children are expected to be able to read and spell by the end of the academic year. These will be sent home with the children shortly.

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child then please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold discussions with parents at the start of the school day as we will be supervising the class; however, it is usually possible to arrange a telephone call during the day for urgent issues.

If you need to get a message to the class teacher please email the office. We are looking forward to a very busy year ahead. Please do contact us if you have any further questions regarding your child's time in Year 3.

Year 3 Staff

