

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer holiday. We hope the children are excited to be in year 3 as we am welcoming them! We would like to invite you to the year 3 welcome meeting for parents and carers on Thursday 5th September at 3pm in the Year 3 classroom, we can discuss the plan for the year and answer any questions.

In Key Stage 2, the children continue to enter through the playground gate between **08.45-08.55**. The children line up on the playground, before going to the classroom, storing their belongings and promptly beginning their learning. The children will be storing their bookbags in their trays to give them easy access to anything they might need during the day, we do not have space for rucksacks. Our PE days for this half term are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. The children may continue to wear their PE kit to school on these days; consisting of plain navy or school-branded navy hooded, white t-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and black trainers (these can be worn every day as we regularly take part in physical activity). If the children are wearing laces, they should be learning or able to tie them themselves. As the weather changes, the children should bring a coat to school every day. They will also need a water bottle that can be refilled at school.

It would be brilliant if each child could bring an old oversized t-shirt or shirt (perhaps an old one of mum or dad's) that they can wear when we are doing art or D&T, to avoid spoiling their jumpers and polo shirts. Please send them named and in a carrier bag that can be hung on their peg.

In Year 3, the children are no longer entitled to a free snack at break time. Your child may bring a fruit snack to eat at playtime if they would like to, please avoid glass containers.

The children will continue to have a message book this year. This will primarily be used for communicating with you around any issues that occur during the school day and updates about behaviour. Other messages or queries will continue to be sent and received through the admin email address (below) so that they may be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

In **English**, we will be focusing on writing biographies as part of our 'Inspirational People' sequence. This will be followed by learning around Lord of the Forest, Paddington and Mog's Christmas Calamity. **Maths** will see us learning about the place value of numbers to 1000, before moving on to addition & subtraction and multiplication & division.

This term, Year 3 will study **Science, Geography, History, Art, D&T, Computing, PE, RE, PSHE, Music and Spanish**. The details of the sequences can be found on the class page of our website. The subject overviews contain the learning objectives, key vocabulary, prior learning and where this sequence fits in the children's journey through the subject. These overviews will also feature at the start of the sequence in the children's books and folders. They will be familiar with the information that they contain and would provide a useful prompt for conversations at home. Please follow us on facebook!

Weekly spelling lists will be sent home, these include challenge words that the children may choose to learn if they wish. The lists will focus on Year 3&4 statutory spelling words, as well as those pertinent to our learning in class. On a Monday, we will complete our weekly spelling test as well as our around the world challenge. This will focus on the children's knowledge of times table facts. Each child has access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Read Theory that they may access at home.

In terms of supporting your child at home, the most valuable activity is reading with them regularly. They will each have a book that they have chosen from our library and they may also have a book that relates to their learning in school. Each child will also have a Super Star Reading Record that will document their reading at home and school, they will earn dojos for reading at home. This should be in school every day. Reading at least three times a week will have a considerable impact on their progress. The children should also aim to learn their weekly spelling words and times table facts, using the resources mentioned above. Promoting oracy will be a focus in class, children will continue to learn to stand to speak and talk in full sentences and listening actively to others. Please, when talking at home, encourage your child to speak in full sentences, rather than one word answers.

We appreciate your continuing support with fundraising as this enables us to significantly reduce the cost of trips and visits, which are important to bring learning to life for children. This term our Year 3 cake sale will be on Friday 8th November. Any donations of cakes to sell will be much appreciated.

We are looking forward to our trip to Exeter on Tuesday 8th October to visit the cathedral and Pizza Express, information regarding this will follow..

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the eSafety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

Mrs Damelza Rowcliffe and Mrs Sheevaun Manning.