

Welcome
To
Year 3 Autumn Term
2023

First week back...

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform – please see the Topic Letter for a reminder of what this is.

Key reminders:

- Children with shoulder length hair or longer need to tie back their hair with a blue hair band. Clips and headbands must be either blue or white. No bows are allowed on clips or hairbands.
- No jewellery or earrings are permitted
- We hope in Year 3 that your children will be learning to be more independent and responsible for their own belongings. Please make sure ALL items are clearly named.
- Although the children are not changing for PE in school, it is amazing how many ties are coming undone e.g. at lunchtime. Please encourage your child to learn how to retie their own tie.

PE

- PE on Wednesday and Friday
- Wear correct PE kit into school but bring a change of shoes (spare trainers or school shoes) and a spare pair of socks.
- If you have trouble getting the uniform, please come and see us – plenty of second hand kit available from PTA etc.

Equipment

Thank you for providing your pupil with equipment. If possible, please keep an eye and restock as necessary.

Essential items include:

- a bag that can fit a water bottle, snack and reading book
- reusable water bottle
- an oversized t-shirt to be used as an art apron
- clear** pencil case
- pencil case contents to include: HB pencils, colouring pencils, **whiteboard pen**, eraser, pencil sharpener with tub/barrel, child safety scissors, ruler, **glue stick**
- Please try to keep pencil cases are kept correctly stocked up throughout the term

Reading

- There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to change books and we are in the process of assigning each child a book and level – the key is just for them to be reading please.
- The children are being assessed using an online test and you will be sent a letter which contains a range e.g. 2.5 – 3.2. Ideally they would read books which are in this band but they can read other things too.
- If they are struggling to decode many words then they will not be comprehending or enjoying the text.
- Expectation to read a minimum of 3 times a week (between 5 and 10 minutes)
- Parent to record reading and sign off finished book
- We will be looking at the Reading Record books once a week whenever possible but if you write a particular message, please encourage your child to show us on that day.
- ANY reading can be recorded in the Reading Record book – it doesn't have to be just books from the Reading Scheme.
- Reading five times a week = name on Reading Challenge

Homework

- The aim of Homework is to consolidate or extend learning that is taking place in the classroom as well as encouraging increased independence.
- All homework instructions will be placed on the Pupils section of the website each week, on Thursdays by 5:00pm.
- If you require a paper copy (as you are unable to print your own or do not have internet access,) please contact your child's class teacher via email.
- Spelling – the words for the term will be on the website for you to practise if you wish but there will be no set homework or expectations linked to this as we will be working on them in class each week.

Curriculum Content

- History – Stone Age to The Iron Age
- English – The Secret of Black Rock
- Maths – Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. We will be breaking this up with more practical activities linked to shape, measures and statistics.
- Science – Rocks, Soils and Fossils, Forces and Magnets
- Art – Portraits
- DT – Sewing Skills
- PSHE – Me and My Relationships, Being My Best
- French – Language Angels
- RE – Symbolism
- Computing – Digital Devices, Animation

Young Carers

- Please let us know if you think your child would qualify as a young carer – they get to do lots of fun things.

Helping out

- Please let us know if you would like to help

This is most likely to be to listen to readers but as we head through the year it might also involve trips, cooking, prop making, lesson assistance – whatever your skills are we are likely to be able to utilise them

Important Information

- Staff email addresses:

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- Please ensure that any urgent messages go through the office
- Please allow at least 48 hours for teacher replies to emails