



# Welcome To Year 3



# Expectations

- Your child should **arrive at school between 8:30am – 8:45am** each day. Please ensure a prompt arrival as this is valuable learning time before the day begins.
- Please make sure your child is **dressed in the appropriate school uniform**, including P.E. uniform, and has their hair tied up if long enough. Please note trainers are only for P.E. days unless a note has been seen by your class teacher. If you are having any problems with ensuring that your child has the correct school uniform, please contact the office.
- As it is now getting cold and wet and the children are playing and learning outside, they need the **appropriate outdoor clothing**.

# Curriculum Content

- Geography – Our Local Area
- History – The Stone Age
- English – Traditional Tales, Poetry – The Door, Fireworks, The Tear Thief, The Barnabus Project
- 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 – Plants, Rocks, Soils and Fossils
- Art – Portraits
- DT – Pencil cases - Sewing Skills
- PSHE – Me and My Relationships, Being My Best
- French – Language Angels – Colours, numbers and greetings
- RE – Christianity
- Computing – Digital Devices, Stop Motion Animation
- Educational Enrichment – Feet First Green Cross Code Training, The Lightbox, Chertsey Museum artefacts (in school), The Y3 class Nativity performances

# 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).
- Adults to record reading, not children.
- We will be looking at the Reading Record books once a week.
- ANY reading can be recorded in the Reading Record book – it doesn't have to be just books from school.
- Reading five times a week = name on Reading Challenge!

# TTRS and Accelerated Reader

- We will be sharing the Accelerated Reader logins with children in school and helping them to access the quizzes.
- They will be undertaking the Reading Assessment in school which will give a reading range so children can start selecting books that will allow them to read with confidence and offer appropriate challenge. The range books are not just 'scheme' books.
- Mrs Turitto, our Maths Lead is setting up TTRS logins for the children. In the past two years we have been able to move the Y2 over. Miss Pugh has explained that it was optional so therefore has not kept the record of logins. If you know your child's login please email it to me so that hopefully we can move it across.

# 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.
- Earrings are permitted if wearing small, plain studs. Must be removed on PE days.
- 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 is on Wednesdays and Fridays
- Wear correct PE kit into school but bring a change of shoes (spare trainers or school shoes) and a spare pair of socks.
- Some trainers may not be suitable for winter weather conditions, please check suitability – waterproof.
- If you have trouble getting the uniform, please come and see us – plenty of second hand kit available from PTA etc.
- Children who wear earrings must not wear them during PE lessons. They can either not wear them on PE days or remove them before the lesson. They must be able to remove the earrings themselves.

# Equipment

In Y3, we ask that the children bring in a small, clear pencil case with a selection of colouring pencils. We provide all other equipment. We may at times ask for glue stick contributions for the class.

## **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
- a small clear pencil case which includes colouring pencils only.

# Homework

- The aim of Homework is to consolidate or extend learning that is taking place in the classroom as well as encouraging increased independence.
- The homework grids have been created to offer a variety of learning opportunities, differing in challenge, focus and length. The grids will guide you in choosing tasks, which might include written tasks, cooking, art, computing, maths and outdoor experiences. This flexible approach helps to engage all learners in this interesting and enjoyable format. Homework grids will be given out termly. Homework books will be given out on Thursdays and must be handed in the following Tuesday. All work must be recorded in homework books. Parents/carers must date and sign when activities have been completed.
- 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.

# Online Safety

It is incredibly important that children are taught to be vigilant online. As teachers, we are regularly reminding children of how to be safe online, and what to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable. It is therefore crucial that this is supported at home, and we kindly ask for your help in this.

# Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



# Dates

## Important dates for this term:

- Lightbox visit (Tate - Wednesday 1 October, Eden - Thursday 2 October, Kew - Friday 3 October)
- Feet First - road safety training (Tate - Tuesday 14 October, Eden - Thursday 16 October, Kew - Monday 20 October)
- Parent Consultations - Monday 10 November and Wednesday 12 November
- Class Christmas performances (Tate - Friday 5 December, Eden - Monday 8 December, Kew - Friday 12 December)
- Christmas Singing Service - Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> (9.30 - 10.15 St John's Church)

# 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, sewing – whatever your skills are we are likely to be able to utilise them!
- Please see the office staff regarding DBS applications.

# Important Information

- Staff email addresses:

Tate:

- [satvir.babra@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:satvir.babra@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

Eden:

[c.jones@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:c.jones@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

Kew:

- [lcreedon@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lcreedon@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk)
- Please ensure that any urgent messages go through the office
- **Please allow at least 48 hours for teacher replies to emails**