



West Byfleet Junior School

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Dear Parents

Year 3 – Autumn Term

We hope you all had a lovely summer and felt ready for the start of a new term at a new school. This is an exciting time for Year 3 but can be quite a daunting one as well! However, we are extremely impressed with how the children have all settled in so far. Our main aim over this first half term is to ensure the children are happy, secure, and are becoming more independent and enjoying their learning.

Homework

Please select tasks from the whole term homework grid, which can be completed in any order. The range of activities are broad and will hopefully enthuse all children. The grids will be in homework books and we have endeavoured to minimise the need for printouts. The grids will also be on the Y3 homework page on the school website. We have added help sheets that can be referred to help with the different tasks. Homework will be given out on Thursdays and must be handed in by the following Tuesday. Please notify your child's class teacher if there is any reason why homework cannot be completed.

Homework Routine:

- We would like the children to be reading daily, ideally to an adult (at least ten minutes) and for this to be recorded in their Reading Record which must be signed by the adult. We ask that this should happen a minimum of three times a week. Please ensure that children are also completing quizzes on Accelerated Reader once they have finished a book.
- We would also recommend that children practise their times tables on TTRS (or arithmetic on Numbots for those children that are already using it). We ask that this happens a minimum of three times a week.
- If your child has access to Nessy, please ensure that they are regularly completing it as part of their homework.

Autumn Term Topics and Learning

- Our main geography topic this term is Our Local Area – What makes West Byfleet Great? In history next half term we will be learning about the Stone Age. In science we will be learning about plants this half term followed by rocks, soils and fossils. The children will have their PE sessions on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. Spellings 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.

Organisation and Equipment

In Year 3 we provide all the necessary equipment apart from colouring pencils. Please ensure children have a selection of colouring pencils in a small clear pencil case.

Important Y3 Dates

- 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 16th (9.30 – 10.15 St John’s Church)

PE

PE will be on a **Wednesday morning** and **Friday afternoon**. All children must wear the correct PE uniform which now includes adaptations for the summer weather, as per our uniform policy. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your class teacher as soon as possible. Please make sure all items are clearly named. The PTA have a large selection of good quality, second hand uniform available for purchase.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Children may wear their summer uniform until October half term.

The winter uniform consists of:

- White shirt
- School tie
- School cardigan or jumper with logo
- Grey trousers (girls may choose to wear either trousers, skirts or pinafores)
- White or navy socks or navy tights (girls), grey socks (boys)
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Children with shoulder length hair or longer need to completely tie back their hair with a hair band. Clips and headbands would preferably be either blue or white. No bows are allowed on clips or hairbands.
- Small stud earrings may be worn but children must be able to take them out themselves for PE or alternatively not wear them on PE days.

Punctuality

A polite reminder that the school day begins at **8.45am**, and children are welcome to arrive from **8.30am**. Punctuality is very important, as late arrivals miss key learning at the start of lessons. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Safeguarding

At the end of the day, the children using wraparound care will be informed if they are due to attend Discovery or Wingbats Club. Any other children who are not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to the school office to await collection.

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Yours sincerely

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