

Welcome to Year 3

Autumn Term 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break, and are looking forward to the new academic year!

CLASSES AND GROUPINGS:

Your child will already have been grouped into sets for Maths, they will be taught by Mrs Driver in Advanced set or by Mr Belfield in Developing set.

All groups are flexible to allow movement between them. Setting allows effective coverage of the curriculum to take place at varied paces, taking into account ability, maturity and attitude.

The criteria for grouping pupils is based on prior attainment shown in assessments, teacher assessment, maturity, pace of work and attitude. Pupils with special needs are included within these groups.

In English children will be taught by your child's class teacher. We will continue to deliver spelling skills through planned activities.

Planning, specialist support and quality help from teaching assistants (Mrs Nelson, Mrs Badrock and Mrs Spencer) enables all pupils to make progress. Teachers sub-divide sets further to include differentiated planning for several groups.

This year the children will be taught French once each week and through quick 5 minute activities.

THE CURRICULUM

We are excited to continue following the New Curriculum.



We are making many links to provide a cross curricular approach to the children's learning. Our main topic this term will be The Stone Age. A lot of our art work will be linked to the topic and we will also look at colour mixing in art lessons. In English we will study performance poetry, reading and writing adventure stories, writing instructions and reports. Our Science themes will be rocks and fossils and light and shadow. In PE we will be doing gymnastics and invasion games, both indoors and out (weather permitting!). Outdoor games is on a Wednesday afternoon and indoor PE on a Monday afternoon.

Please see our school website for further information about what is going on each week.

BEHAVIOUR:

Pupils are rewarded for good behaviour and attitude through our House Points system and end of week certificates.

Inappropriate behaviour is sanctioned by a name on the board. A second offence in one day would be a cross marked by their name and a third incident, a second cross and a detention. Sometimes a serious misdemeanour may lead to an instant detention. The next day all pupils begin with "a clean slate".

Detentions take place on a Friday during break in a classroom and involve discussion about behaviour.

Parents will be informed of any detention issued on the day of the incident via a letter sent home with the child.

HOMEWORK:

The best homework comes from children who are motivated by lessons and undertake research by personal choice. In addition pupils are asked to:

- Read a few pages of their school reading book every week night (please sign the home/school books) and returned to school daily.
- Complete occasional special activities related to topics such as Science and History.
- Sometimes children will be set online homework (My Maths and Bug Club)
- Learn weekly spellings in preparation for a test each Wednesday.

PRACTICAL SUPPORT:

- Please provide appropriate P.E kits:- shorts and t-shirt for inside, and warm leggings/tracksuit with long sleeved top for outside, all clearly labelled please.
- No jewellery is to be worn during P.E. Please remove earrings before school on days when we have P.E.
- Please send in a written note if your child has been off school or if they are not able to participate in P.E that week.
- Please help your child bring home/school books to school and support homework on a daily basis.
- Please can your child bring a water bottle of no more than 500ml, with a sports lid, labelled with your child's name.
- Please inform a member of staff if your child is being picked up after school by someone else.



ACTIVITIES:

From year 3 onwards pupils are welcome to join a variety of clubs during lunchtimes and after school - please see the school website for details.

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 3 IN THE AUTUMN TERM:

- 11th September - Meet the teacher Evening 3.30 and 5.15pm
- 18th September - School Council Election Week
- 25th-29th September - Celebrating French Week
- 20th October - BREAK UP
- 28th/29th November - Parent/Teacher Consultations

We hope your child settles quickly into KS2 and enjoys their time with us in Year 3! If you have any questions about any of this information, or more specific queries regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact us at the end of the school day.

Many Thanks in anticipation of your support,

Mrs Driver and Mr Belfield

