

Year 3 Newsletter - 9th September 2016

MoE News

This week we have started our new MoE – details were revealed to the children on Wednesday so hopefully they have been telling you all about it!

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term that we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy.

Welcome to Year 3

Welcome back after the long summer break - we hope you have had an enjoyable holiday! It is lovely to see the children all back at school. We are eager to get started with learning and getting to know our classes, and we look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Staff in Year 3:

3J – Mrs Jackson

3I – Mrs Irvine

3W – Mrs Smith

Teaching assistants: Mrs Ajmal and Mrs Armstrong

Teachers will be out on the playground every morning to speak with parents, greet the children and bring their class into school. Please also use the communication book to pass along any messages. As first thing in the morning is a busy time, you may wish to arrange a meeting after school with your child's teacher. Please do not hesitate to speak with class teachers if you have a worry or concern so that we can help. If you feel you need a further meeting or support, you can arrange a meeting with the Key stage 2 Assistant Head teacher, Mrs Baker.

P.E in Year 3

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every Monday (indoor, gymnastics) and Thursday (outdoor, football) ready for PE lessons. It is very important that the children have the correct kit, such as pumps/trainers, as without it they will not be able to take part in the lesson. Please note, our PE uniform is a white t-shirt with purple shorts. Please make sure all kit is labelled with your child's name as this helps ensure any items that become lost are easily returned.

All jewellery will need to be removed for PE lessons.

Water Bottles

Children learn better when they are hydrated so please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day and is clearly labelled. Water only in bottles please.

Reading

It is important that the children read regularly at home in order to build on and develop their skills, so please encourage your child to read regularly. This only needs to be a 5 or 10 minute activity, and the frequent reading practice will be very beneficial. If your child does not wish to read their home reader book, they could read a book from home, or a magazine if that is what interests them. Please remember to record your reading in the reading diary so that certificates can be awarded to '3 times readers'.

More information about our new school library and our loaning day coming soon...

Homework

Phonics/Spellings

The children will be taught phonics and spelling rules each week, with our sessions starting the week beginning 12th September. During these sessions the children will learn spelling patterns and rules, and this will be followed up through spelling homework. The children will be set words to learn each week, which will reinforce their learning. Words and spellings will be set and tested every Friday.

Homework

Homework tasks will be set every Friday (starting week beginning 12th September) and should be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday. This half term our homework will consist of a weekly maths activity and one creative task.

Don't Forget! The first school bell rings at 8.35am when the doors are opened. The second bell is at 8.45am. Good punctuality and attendance is extremely important – so don't be late!