

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 of Year 3! This year is an important transition year for you and your children as you will find that there will be many changes in routines, ways of working and expectations. However, I know that your children are more than ready for the fun and challenges ahead and we are looking forward to working with them. If you have any questions or would just like a chat, please feel free to come and see us at the end of the day or leave a message in your child's reading record book.

In English this term, we will be exploring narratives, poetry and recounts of events through the use of different texts and short film clips. The children will also be focusing on grammar and punctuation in their writing and developing their comprehension skills when reading.

In maths this term, the children will be building their knowledge on place value and will learn strategies to add and subtract from 2 and 3 digit numbers with mental and written methods. The children will also learn how to solve one- and two-step word problems and to explain their methods. At the end of term we will be looking at multiplication and division problems and so it is important that the children learn their multiplication tables. In Year 3 we will focus on 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 times tables.

In topic this term, we are focusing on **who we are** and will explore the statement 'knowing where we come from helps us to understand our lives today' more closely. More specifically, we are going to learn about British Kings and Queens, the Stone Age and Space. We will link our art lessons to this topic too and create some stone age paintings and our own Tudor portraits.

PE this term will be on Monday afternoons and the children will have the opportunity to play various invasion games. However, children need to have their kits in school at all times, in case there are impromptu PE sessions. Please also make sure that all PE kit is named so that we can return any lost items to the correct children.

Every child will bring home a reading book that they can read to you at home, along with a reading record. As the children are now in year 3, some of these books might be slightly lengthier. It is therefore advised that the children can read at home most nights and can change their book

in class once it is finished. If your child can bring their reading records in each day so the class adults can check their reading progress, that would be great. Please continue to read with your child at home: this is still very important as your children are starting to become more independent. Sharing and talking about books at home as well as asking your child questions about books they are reading, will help you to ensure your child is fully understanding and enjoying their reading.

In computing, the children will be learning about Internet Safety and eBooks. We will be learning about what information is safe to use on the internet and which information is not, what to do when pop ups appear on their computer and how to safely browse the internet. Regarding computing, we know that many of the children in class use home computers to access the internet. The internet can be a brilliant research tool and provide children with information that could otherwise be hard to find. Please be vigilant when your children are using the internet at home and make sure that the parental blocking features on your computer are turned on.

The children take part in music every Tuesday afternoon and during this term they will learn Harvest songs and be introduced to body percussion, composition, rhythm and notation.

With regards to home learning, the children are given a choice of activities to do over the term, linked to our topic. Children will also receive Mathematics homework online and spellings every Friday for a test the following Thursday.

Finally, we hope that your children have a really enjoyable term.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Foxwell and Miss Boswell
Class 3 Teacher/ Associate Teacher